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いろいろ思うことはたくさん
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これにて、終了です。

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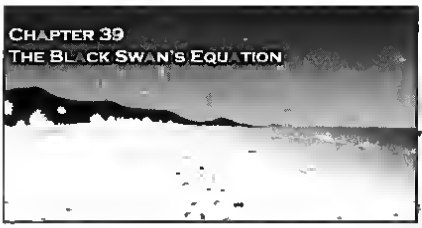
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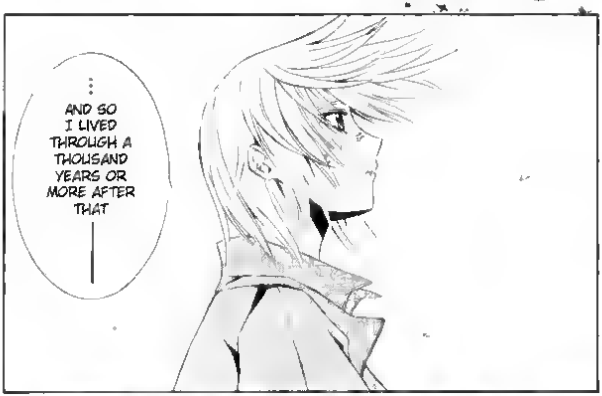
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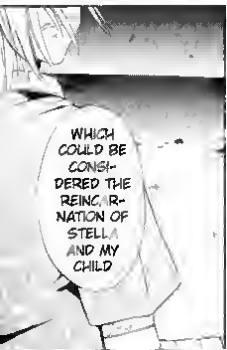
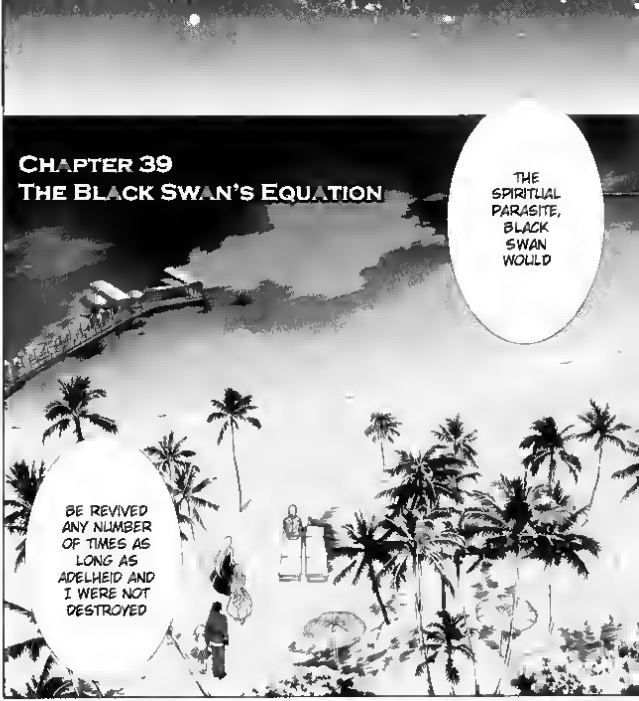
AND SO I LIVED THROUGH A THOUSAND YEARS OR MORE AFTER THAT


WHICH COULD BE CONSIDERED THE REINCARNATION OF STELLA AND MY CHILD

AT THE SAME TIME FIGHTING WITH THE BLACK SWAN,
BEING CHASED BY HUMANS AND DHAMPIRS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THE SPIRITUAL PARASITE, BLACK SWAN WOULD
BE REVIVED ANY NUMBER OF TIMES AS LONG AS ADELHEID AND I WERE NOT DESTROYED

I HAVE BEEN CHASED MANY TIMES BY THE BLACK SWAN AND FOUGHT WITH THE GIRLS
AND KILLED THEM

ALL OF YOU KNOW THE REST OF THE HISTORY

I HAD NO OTHER CHOICE
FOR OUR SAKES, BATTLED CONTINUOUSLY WITH STELL
STRAUSS HAS IN THESE FEW THOUSAND YEARS
EVEN THOUGH STELLA'S SOUL COULD BE SAVED IF HE AND I WERE DESTROYED
IN ORDER TO FULFILL HIS TASK AS KING HE COULD NOT ALLOW THAT
HEY AKABARA
THAT IS SUCH A BAD JOKE

HOW COULD THERE BE A HELL GREATER THAN THAT
TO NOT SAVE HER
TO NOT PROTECT THE WOMAN YOU LOVED
IF YOU WANT TO KILL ME, FIRST SEE A HELL GREATER THAN THE ONE I HAVE SEEN
TO FIGHT AND KILL THAT WOMAN
IN THE END, IN A SITUATION WHERE HE COULD NOT ALLOW HIMSELF TO BE KILLED
THE GIRLS POSSESSED BY THE BLACK SWAN WERE DRAWN INTO A BATTLE THEY DID NOT FULLY COMPREHEND
AND WERE FORCED TO KILL

THOSE GIRLS, WITHOUT EVER KNOWING SUCH A TRUTH
WERE ABLE TO HATE ME AND FIGHT WITH ME WITHOUT HESITATION
IF NOT IT WOULD CAUSE THOSE GIRLS
TOO MUCH PAIN
THAT IS WHY WITHOUT TRYING TO KILL LADY KAYUKI
HE ORDERED US TO CONCEAL THE TRUTH FROM HER
IF THEY KNEW THIS, THE ONES CAUGHT BY THE BLACK SWAN, NO MATTER HOW THEY WOULD BE EATEN BY THE BLACK SWAN,
WOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT TO FIGHT WITH THE VAMPIRE KING
I REALLY
I REALLY WAS MISTAKEN AFTER ALL

"AT THAT TIME"
TRULY IT WAS
PROBABLY ONE OF THE TURNING POINTS, BUT THE GREATEST PROBLEM WAS CAUSED BY ME

IF I HAD PROTECTED STELLA AT THAT TIME
THIS WOULDN'T HAVE

STRAUSS

ADELHEID, SO PLEASE DO NOT BLAME YOURSELF LIKE THAT

EVEN IF YOU HAD PROTECTED HER
IT WOULD ONLY HAVE CAUSED A DIFFERENT TRAGEDY

WHAT SORT OF SITUATION IS SHE IN?
THE STELLA WHO HAS BECOME THE BLACK SWAN

FROM VARIOUS SOURCES OF INFORMATION SHE HAS REALIZED MY TRUE INTENTION FOR THESE THOUSAND YEARS
AND UNDER-STANDS IT
!
STELLA'S CONSCI-OUSNESS IS THE SAME AS THE TIME BEFORE SHE DIED
AND SHE SEEMS TO HAVE GONE THROUGH THE SAME EXPERIENCES AS HER HOSTS
IT COULD BE SAID THAT STELLA IS STILL LIVING
IN SUCH A WAY

I CAN ALSO, TO A CERTAIN EXTENT, INTERVENE WITH THE BLACK SWAN
THAT'S WHY I DID THINGS LIKE ERASING MEMORIES AND INFORMATION
THAT WOULD CAUSE THE NEW HOST TO REALIZE STRAUSS'S TRUE INTENTIONS
TO YOU AND EVERYONE ELSE, STRAUSS IS AN EVIL PERSON
AN ENEMY YOU MUST DEFEAT
BECAUSE IF SO, YOU WILL
FIND IT EASIER TO FIGHT WITH STRAUSS
.....

NORMALLY I AM SLEEPING DEEP WITHIN THE BLACK SWAN
AND TRYING MY BEST NOT TO BE DRAWN OUT TO THE SURFACE
BECAUSE IF SHE COMES TO RECOGNIZE MY EXISTENCE
THE HOST'S LIFE WILL BE UNREASONABLY SHORTENED
WHY IS THIS PERSON SO GENTLE AND TRANQUIL?
WHY IS SHE SMILING?
EVEN THOUGH SHE IS NOT IN A GOOD SITUATION

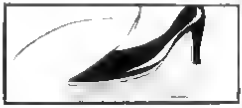
RIGHT NOW STELLA IS PROBABLY

IF KAYUKI REGAINS HER CONSCI-OUSNESS
TELL HER ABOUT EVERYTHING THAT HAS HAPPENED TILL THIS MOMENT FOR ME, PLEASE
I'M SORRY
I ALWAYS FAIL AT THE IMPOR-TANT THINGS
BRIDGET ...
WE CAN NO LONGER KEEP HER IN THE DARK
AND THEN WHAT ... DO YOU PLAN TO DO?
..... AND THEN .....
TO TELL EVERY-THING .....
WHAT .....
THERE IS NO GREAT MISTAKE

I WILL ONLY CONTINUE TO FIGHT WITH THE BLACK SWAN ACCORDINGLY
EVERYONE SHOULD CONTINUE TO MOVE ACCORDING TO PLAN
THE REST IS FOR KAYUKI HERSELF TO DECIDE

RENKA
I FORGOT TO TELL YOU SOMETHING

THE BLACK SWAN IS A PARASITE
KAYUKI AND THE PREVIOUS BLACK SWAN HOST, KOMATSUBARA YUKI
THE FACT THAT THEY LOOKING SIMILAR IS NO COINCIDENCE
THAT'S WHY FOR SOMEONE WITH THE PREVIOUS GENERATION'S LOOKS AND CHARACTER TO APPEAR IS NOT IMPOSSIBLE
THE BLACK SWAN SEEMS TO CHOOSE THOSE WHO ARE SIMILAR TO STELLA AND MY CHILD IN A WAY
FOR A PARASITE, IT IS NATURAL TO CHOOSE A PERSON WHO IS SIMILAR TO THE ORIGINAL HOST
KOMATSUBARA YUKI'S STRENGTH AND HEART IS
IN A WAY SIMILAR TO STELLA
THAT THE HOSTS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN FEMALE WAS ALSO BECAUSE STELLA WAS A FEMALE
AND MY CHILD WAS ALSO A DAUGHTER



STRA-USS'S CHILD WAS
A GIRL

HAD IT BEEN THAT STELLA AND MY CHILD WAS BORN SAFELY
SHE WOULD PROBABLY HAVE BEEN BROUGHT UP TO BE LIKE THAT

WE ARE NORMALLY ABLE TO KNOW THE GENDER FROM THE CORPSE OF A CHILD READY TO BE BORN

DID YOU NOT KNOW?
TO SAY THAT ……

BUT THE FIGURE WAS SUCH THAT
WE COULD NOT EVEN TELL ITS GENDER ……

GUH !!
WE DON'T SEEM TO HAVE MUCH TIME
NOW WE SHOULD FOLLOW THROUGH WITH THE PLAN STRAUSS CAME UP WITH
DAMN IT !!!
WHAT IS THIS .....
WHAT DID STRAUSS DO !
HE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG DID HE ?!!

WASN'T STRAUSS AN OUTSTANDING GENERAL!?
AN OUTSTANDING KING!?
HASN'T HE ALWAYS SUFFERED FOR EVERYONE'S SAKE!?
AREN'T THERE LOTS OF WORSE PEOPLE AROUND!?
YET THEY DON'T SUFFER LIKE THAT!
IT'S JUST TOO UNFAIR
DAMN IT
.....
DAMN IT
.....

WHAT IS IT?
AKA-BARA!
HEY!
HOW DID YOU MANAGE TO BEAR IT?
.....
HOW DO YOU MANAGE TO STAY LIKE THAT?
MEETING WITH SUCH A FATE...

YOU WHO COULD ONLY USELESSLY GIVE UP THE SWORD AND CRAWL AROUND
IS MUCH MORE PITIFUL
LOSING A WOMAN
FOR FIFTY YEARS NOT KNOWING WHAT TO DO
HOW CAN I LIVE ON LIKE YOU!?
THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING YOU!
I KNOW THAT!
PITIFUL AND HOPELESS, EVEN IF YOU WANT TO DO SOMETHING YOU CAN'T STOP IT
EVEN IF YOUR HEAD UNDERSTANDS, YOUR BODY WON'T LISTEN TO WHAT IT SAYS
DON'T BE SO ANGRY

WHAT AM I?
IF SO RENKA
TO SUPPRESS YOUR FEELINGS WITH REASON
WOULD DEFINITELY BE WRONG
THAT IS BECAUSE YOU ARE REALLY THINKING OF KOMATSUBARA YUKI
THINKING OF STELLA?
AM I REALLY ...
I THINK MY FEELINGS FOR STELLA ARE REAL
YOU WOULD COME TO DOUBT THAT
BUT FOR ME TO IN REALITY BE ABLE TO BEAR IT AND LIVE ON
AND END UP GOING MAD AND DYING, RIGHT?
IF I WERE REALLY THINKING OF HER, I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO BEAR THIS SITUATION

IN THE FIRST PLACE DID I
EVEN HAVE THE HEART TO CARE FOR OTHERS AROUND ME?
THE HEART-LIKE THING
MIGHT HAVE BEEN NO MORE THAN A WELL-MADE VIRTUAL PROGRAM
IN THE FIRST PLACE I MIGHT HAVE BEEN A HEARTLESS MACHINE
IF YOU WERE TO WANT TO CONTINUE WITHOUT HAVING SUCH DOUBTS
IT IS BETTER TO BE UNABLE TO BEAR IT
RENKA
DON'T LEAVE KAYUKI TO HER FATE
AT LEAST KOMATSUBARA YUKI WOULD PROBABLY HAVE SAID THAT

I STILL HAVE SOMETHING I WANT TO ASK
WAIT !
.....
.....
!?

PHUU
...
YOU HAVE FINALLY AWAKENED
AAH
.....
YOU HAVE LOST CONSCI-OUSNESS FOR 5 HOURS
DURING THAT TIME YOU HAVE COME IN CONTACT WITH STELLA'S SOUL
AND I CAN GENERALLY GUESS THE THINGS YOU FOUND OUT
AS EXPE-CTED YOU ALSO KNOW
THE TRUTH ABOUT THE VAMPIRE KING
I KNOW IT

THE ORGANIZATION HAS ALSO CHANGED GREATLY
BUT ALREADY WE ARE MOVING ACCORDING TO A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT PLAN FROM THE ONE YOU KNOW
BUT WE ONLY FOUND OUT TWO WEEKS AGO
AND ONLY DISCOVERED THE CONNECTION BETWEEN STELLA AND THE BLACK SWAN JUST NOW
THAT'S TO SAY ONLY I WAS KEPT OUT
I WAS FOOLED
YOUR WORRIES UNTIL A FEW HOURS AGO HAVE COMPLETELY DISAPPEARED
THE PROBLEM WITH THE STRATEGY FOR ATTACK ON BIG MOURA HAS BEEN COMPLETELY SOLVED
WHICH MEANS HUMANKIND'S SAFETY HAS BEEN ENSURED
TO YOU IT WAS A GOOD TIME TO SLACK
… I GUESS THAT'S TRUE
PROTECT HIS BLOODLINE AND HUMANKIND FROM BIG MOURA WITH ALL HIS POWER
THE VAMPIRE KING, WITHOUT ORDERS FROM ANYONE, WOULD PROBABLY
…… BUT……

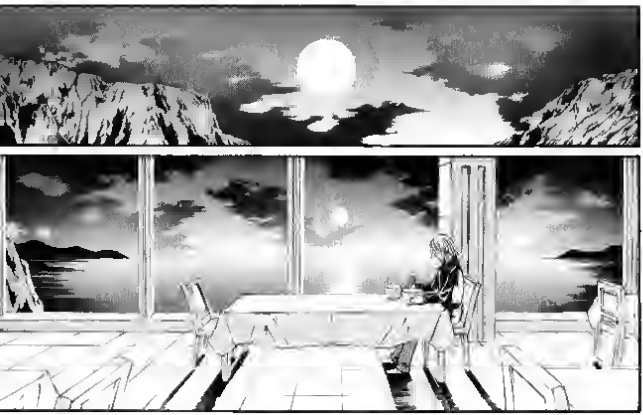
BUT I DIDN'T WANT TO KNOW SUCH A TRUTH !
IT IS JUST TOO HEAVY FOR ME !
WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO !?
STELLA WHO HAS BECOME THE BLACK SWAN
STELLA HAS ONLY ONCE EXCHANGED WORDS WITH THE VAMPIRE KING
WHAT ?

THE BODY OF THE BLACK SWAN'S HOST WHICH WAS ON THE VERGE OF DEATH AFTER FIGHTING WITH THE VAMPIRE KING RESONATED WITH STELLA'S SOUL
AND TEMPORARILY STELLA WAS ABLE TO SPEAK BY BORROWING THE BODY OF THAT GIRL
SHE SAID IT WAS THE TRIAL OF THE THIRD GENERATION
AT THAT TIME THE TWO EXCHANGED KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE BLACK SWAN
AND ABOVE THAT DECIDED WHAT EACH WOULD DO AFTER THAT
AND THE VAMPIRE KING WOULD CONTINUE THE ENDLESS FIGHT
STELLA WOULD HIDE IN THE DEPTHS OF THE BLACK SWAN AND NOT APPEAR AT THE SURFACE EVEN IF SHE COULD

JUST ONCE……
WAS IT THE ONLY TIME FOR THESE THOUSAND YEARS?
EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE SO CLOSE
THE TWO WERE NEVER ABLE TO TOUCH EACH OTHER
AND ALWAYS HAD TO FIGHT EACH OTHER TO THE DEATH, YOU KNOW?
AND YET THE VAMPIRE KING DID NOT RUN FROM EVERYONE'S HATRED
AND STELLA WAS STILL SMILING.
I SEE
STELLA WAS, AS EXPECTED, SMILING
……YES
SHE SAID SHE WAS REALLY SORRY FOR BRINGING TROUBLE TO ME

I FELT LIKE I WANTED TO BECOME FRIENDS WITH YOU
NOW I CAN SAY IT BUT
STELLA, I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU MORE
TROU-BLE……
THAT WE DHAMPIRS ARE CURRENTLY PUTTING UNDER-WAY
KAYUKI… THIS IS THE MAIN POINTS OF THE "LAST FEATHER PLAN"
IT IS NOT THE TIME TO DROWN IN OUR SORROWS
MY ACTIONS … FROM NOW ONWARDS?
YES
APART FROM THAT, EVERYTHING WE HID FROM YOU IS IN THERE
YOU SHOULD DECIDE ON YOUR ACTIONS FROM NOW ONWARDS BASED ON THAT

KILLING STRAUSS AND BEING KILLED BY STRAUSS
BETWEEN
WHICH WILL YOU CHOOSE?



WHAT HAP-PENED ?
AAH

KAYUKI
YOU SEEM TO BE DEPRE-SSED ?

THE SALTED RAMEN HERE IS DELICIOUS
YOU SHOULD TRY EATING SOME
THE SEAFOOD SOUP IS VERY AMAZING
THERE IS ONLY OCEAN ALL AROUND
.....
AH
WHA
WHAT SHOULD

WHAT SHOULD ...
I DO NOW ?

DON'T THINK OF IT TOO MUCH
IF ADELHEID AND I SURVIVE
YOU WILL BE CONSUMED BY THE BLACK SWAN
DO YOU WANT TO LIVE OR DO YOU WANT TO DIE?
IT IS JUST A CHOICE BETWEEN THOSE TWO
IF WE DIE, YOU WILL LIVE ON

HAVE YOU HEARD THE MAIN POINTS OF THE "LAST FEATHER PLAN"?
ACCORDING TO THAT PLAN ADELHEID WILL, AFTER THE DESTRUCTION OF BIG MOURA
DIE ON THE MOON'S SURFACE
...YES
...IT SEEMS THAT WAY
EVEN IF YOU DON'T DIRTY YOUR HANDS ADELHEID HAS TO DIE
THAT IS THE NECESSARY REQUIRE-MENT FOR THE PLAN
YOU ONLY HAVE TO CHOOSE WHETHER TO KILL ME OR NOT
THEN ONLY I WILL REMAIN

BUT ARE YOU NOT
NECESSARY FROM NOW ONWARDS FOR THE SAKE OF THE DHAMPIRES?
EVEN IF IT IS FOR THE SAKE OF THE BLOODLINE, I AM A HEARTLESS KING WHO HAS ORDERED HIS OWN WIFE TO DIE
YOUR CONSCIENCE WILL NOT BE BOTHERED EVEN IF YOU KILL ME
WHAT ARE YOU HESITATING ABOUT?
Romantic Sakura
WEREN'T YOU PLANNING TO DESTROY US?
IT'S TRUE I PLANNED TO DO SO
I AM SURPRISED
THAT YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE VAMPIRE BLOODLINE
IF SOMEONE WERE TO DIE, SURELY IT SHOULD BE ME
AREN'T ALL OF YOU MUCH MORE IMPORTANT TO THE WORLD THAN A POWERLESS LITTLE GIRL LIKE ME?
BUT NOW I KNOW THE TRUTH, WHY WOULD I WISH TO DESTROY YOU?

THIS PLAN HAS LEFT MY HAND
EVEN IF I WERE TO DISAP-PEAR IT WOULD WORK OUT FINE
BUT ... BUT ...
DON'T THINK TOO LOWLY OF YOUR-SELF
IF YOU WERE AROUND IT WOULD BE FASTER ... INDEED
IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO COMPLETE A NIGHT KINGDOM ON THE MOON'S SURFACE!
IN CONT-RAST I CAN DO NOTHING
THAT'S TRUE
IF I WERE AROUND THE RECREATION OF THE KINGDOM WOULD PROBABLY BE FIFTY TIMES FASTER

BUT YOU WOULD NOT BE SAVED
IF IT IS FASTER THEN LESS BLOOD WOULD FLOW AND MORE PEOPLE WOULD BE SAVED
BUT IF I DIE THEY WILL BE SAVED
YOU WILL BE SAVED
STELLA AND MY CHILD WOULD ALSO
AND I WILL HAVE TO CONTINUE BATTLING THE GIRLS POSSESSED BY THE BLACK SWAN
NEVER BE RELEASED AND SAVED FROM THE CURSED BLACK SWAN
BOTH CHOICES ARE ABOUT THE SAME
BOTH CHOICES HAVE SACRIFICES AND GAINS

NO ONE WOULD BLAME YOU FOR THAT
DON'T MIND THE FUTURE OF MY BLOODLINE AND FIGHT FOR YOURSELF
YOU ARE, AFTER ALL, A VICTIM WHO WAS DRAGGED INTO THIS
WE WILL DESTROY BIG MOURA THE NEXT DAY
AND ACCORDING TO THE PLAN I ALONE WILL RETURN TO EARTH
FIVE DAYS LATER ADELHEID AND I WILL FLY TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MOON
UNTIL THEN PLEASE PREPARE YOURSELF
FOR ONCE, I WILL DO EXACTLY WHAT YOU TELL ME TO DO.
IF SO ...
AS A KING I ALSO CANNOT SELFISHLY STEAL YOUR RIGHT TO LIVE
AS A KING I CANNOT COMMIT SUICIDE

THIS TIME WE SHALL SERIOUSLY FIGHT TO THE DEATH
ONCE BIG MOURA DISAPPEARS WE ARE CLEARLY ENEMIES

THERE IS NOTHING TO HESITATE ABOUT
I HAVE BEEN
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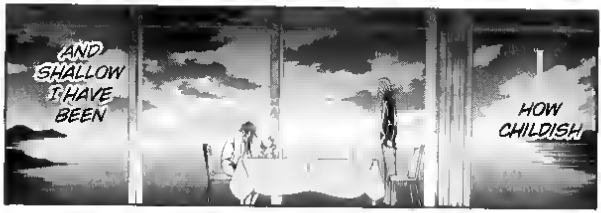

SUCH AS STRONG, GENTLE, AND SAD PERSON …

TO THINK OF KILLING SUCH A PERSON

: EVEN FOR A MOMENT

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Chapter 40
Story of a young girl

Confession of the 50th Black Swan Host Hirasaka Kayuki (Part 1)

WHO DAY DRE-AMED CONST-ANTLY.
THAT'S RIGHT ⋮ I WAS A WELL OFF YOUNG GIRL
WATC-HING MOVIES, TELEVI-SION,
MANGA
AND IMAGINING MYSELF AS THE HEROINE...

BUT ONE DAY.....
I HAD A SERIOUS ACCIDENT THAT PUT ME IN THE HOSPITAL.
BECOMING A HEROINE THAT EVERYONE LOVES.
SAVING THE WORLD FROM EVIL PEOPLE,
TO TURN STRONG AND COOL,
KAYUKI?
HEY,
WHAT WAS THE ACCIDENT?

I WAS CRUSHED BY MASSIVE STEEL BEAMS,
SO SEVERELY THAT I WOULD NEVER STAND AGAIN.
IT MUST HAVE BEEN VERY SCARY.
BUT
I WASN'T SAD.
BECAUSE,
BEFORE THE HEROINE THAT SAVES THE WORLD IS BORN, THERE WILL ALWAYS BE TRAGEDY
I DREAMT THAT THE BORING, ORDINARY LIFE THAT I HAD
WOULD TURN INTO A WONDERFUL AND EXCITING STORY.
WAS THAT HOW,
YOU COMFORTED YOURSELF?

A DELUSION TO HELP ME ESCAPE FROM REALITY...
THAT WAS JUST
...YUP
ONE WEEK LATER...
BUT...
LANDED ON MY PILLOW.
A BLACK BIRD WHICH WAS THE BLACK SWAN

WHO IS THE BAD MAN ?
JUST
FRANKLY SPEAKING, I
STILL HELD TRACES OF HATRED TOWARDS AKABARA IN MY HEART.
EVEN AFTER KNOWING THAT HE HAS DONE EVERYTHING FOR THE SAKE OF OUR RACE.
NOW THAT I KNOW ALL OF THE TRUTHS
BUT...

BUT.
JUST HOW MANY PEOPLE FROM THE CLAN HAD DIED IN REGRET AND AGONY BEFORE THIS?
AKABARA IS NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO HAD SUFFERED.
BUT, THERE'S NO NEED TO PITY HIM.
YOU CAN STOP HATING AKABARA
FUUHAKU IS CORRECT.
HMM THE DASHI
THIS TAMAGO IS WONDER-FUL.
AKA ! AKABARA !

FROM A THOUSAND YEARS AGO,
THE PEOPLE CONSUMED BY ADELHEID'S POWERS
AND EVEN THOUGH I HAD TRIED MY BEST TO KEEP THE DEATH TOLL DOWN,
AT LEAST TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KILLED BY ME.
COMPARED TO THOSE PEOPLE, THERE'S NOTHING TO SAY THAT I HAVE SUFFERED GREATLY.
BESIDES, I DID GET MARRIED TWICE
AND RAISED TWO DAUGHTERS.
I MIGHT EVEN BE CLASSIFIED AS FORTUNATE!
.....
IS SOMETHING THE MATTER?
IT'S NOTHING MAJOR

I CAN'T STAY BY THAT CHILD!
IN THE FUTURE, NO MATTER WHAT BECOMES OF ME,
I ENTRUST BRIDGET TO THE TWO OF YOU.
I WILL ASK BRIDGET TO TAKE CARE OF THE CLAN
IT'S TOO HEAVY TO PUSH EVERY-THING ONTO YOU TWO!
CLAN?
NOT THE WHOLE
AND ONCE SHE IS IN COMMAND, THERE IS A LOT MORE THAT SHE NEEDS TO WORRY ABOUT TOO!
BUT THAT CHILD TENDS TO CONCEAL TOO MUCH FROM HER COMRADES

AT THAT TIME, THE TWO OF YOU WHO KNOW EVERY-THING,
WILL BE ABLE TO GIVE HER ENCOUR-AGEMENT THAT OTHERS WON'T BE ABLE TO!
...
WE DON'T NEED TO BE TOLD TO DO THAT!
THAT'S RIGHT

THEN I LEAVE MY DAUGHTER IN YOUR CARE.
SORRY TO HAVE TROUBLED YOU.
ISN'T THERE ANYONE WHO CAN HELP HIM?
...
IT'S SO UNRE-ASON-ABLE.

Confession of the 50th Black Swan Host Hirasaka Kayuki (Part 2)

I RECOVERED FROM MY SEVERE INJURIES INSTANTLY.
ONCE I WAS POSSESSED BY THE BLACK SWAN,
THAT WAS WHEN I REALISED, THAT
I HAD BECOME THE HEROINE THAT I DREAMT OF.
NOT ONLY DID I RECEIVE SUPER-MAN-LIKE STREN-GTH,
I HAD ALSO INHERITED SOMETHING THAT WAS EVEN MORE DRAMATIC THAN ANYTHING I HAD EVER WATCHED...
MEMORIES OF BATTLES AGAINST VAMPIRES
AND THEN ?

I WAS EVEN SENT TO VISIT THE PSYCHO-LOGISTS
AND WHEN I TOLD THEM WHAT HAD HAPPENED, THINGS GOT WORSE
MY ABNORMAL RECOVERY,
AND THE WEIRD PATTERNS THAT APPEARED ON MY HANDS HAD THE HOSPITAL IN AN UPROAR.
I MET MY GRAND-FATHER, WHO I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW EXISTED, GM
AND IN THE END
I HAD THE ABILITY AND THE MEMORIES TO BE ABLE TO CONTROL HUMANKIND'S FATE
HE INFORMED ME OF THE SEIJINFUJO'S PLANS TO INVADE EARTH
AND THE DANGER THAT HUMANITY WAS ABOUT TO FACE

I WAS INSANELY HAPPY.
TRUTH-FULLY,
THERE'S NO OTHER STAGE THAT'S MORE FITTING FOR THE ULTIMATE HEROINE!
NOT ONLY WERE THERE VAMPIRES,
THERE WERE ALSO ALIENS!
AND THUS
YOU WERE EMBARRAS-SED TO LET OTHERS FIND OUT ABOUT YOUR GLEE.
THAT'S WHY YOU'RE ALWAYS EXPRES-SIONLESS
YES

AND DURING ALL THAT TIME, I
TO PREPARE MYSELF FOR THE FUTURE.
I STAYED WITH GRANDFATHER AND RECEIVED ALL SORTS OF TRAINING.
NEVER ONCE
CONSIDERED, WHAT'S RIGHT AND WHAT'S WRONG

WHAT IS THE RESULT OF THE EXPERIMENT ?
TO MIMIC THE MOON'S SURFACE.. WE USED ROCKS OF SIMILAR COMPOSITIONS FOR ANALYSIS AND THE RESTRUC-TURING..
NITROGEN, OXYGEN, AND CARBON DIOXIDE,
AND EVEN THOUGH IT'S IN THE LABORA-TORY,
THE QUEEN'S POWER IS REALLY ASTONI-SHING
AND THE OTHER ELEMENTS ARE IN THE SAME PERCENTILE AS THE EARTH'S ATMOSP-HERE
THE MOON CAN BE "TERRA-FORMED".
THIS WAY, IN PLACE OF MICRO ORGANISMS AND BACTERIA,

THUS, THEY CAN REPRODUCE THEMSELVES ENDLESSLY
AND CONSTANTLY EVOLVE THE ENVIRONMENT
RATHER THAN USING THE MAGIC DIRECTLY
THAT'S RIGHT.
IT CAN BE USED TO CREATE SOMETHING SIMILAR TO BACTERIA WITH SPECIAL POWERS
SO SHE MIGHT EVEN BE ABLE TO "TERRAFORM" THE MOON BETTER THAN ME
THE "CORROSION" BACK THEN WAS THE WORK OF THESE SAME BACTERIA.
ORIGINALLY, ADELHEID'S POWER HAD THAT SPECIAL ABILITY TOO
CAN ALSO BE ADJUSTED DOWN BY THE "MAGICAL BACTERIA"?
AND SO, THE SOLAR RADIATIONS . . .

OVER 20KM WIDE OF THE MOON'S SURFACE WILL BE "TERRA-FORMED" FOR 500 YEARS
ACCO-RDING TO MY CALCUL-ATIONS
AND WITH THE ABILITY TO RES-POND TOO
CREATING A DOME OF GASES THAT WILL ENCOMPASS A CERTAIN AREA,
AND GIVE THEM ENOUGH TIME TO COMPLETE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DOME TO LIVE IN BEFORE THE PROTECTION WEARS OFF.
THUS, IT WILL BE A SNAP FOR THEM TO INVESTIGATE THE RESOURCES ON THE MOON,
IT SHOULDN'T POSE A PROBLEM FOR THE DHAMPIRES IN THEIR DAILY ACTIVI-TIES
"BUT EVEN SO THE TEMPERA-TURE AND RADIATION WILL BE VERY TOUGH FOR HUMANS TO ENDURE, BUT
HEY --- NAZUNA !
THE DOME CAN BE COMPLETED WITHIN A HUNDRED YEARS
AS LONG AS WE CAN ENSURE THE TRANSPOR-TATION BETWEEN THE MOON AND EARTH,

HOW ABOUT JOINING US MR LEE?
THE EXPERIMENT RESULTS HAVE BEEN VERIFIED!
MR AKABARA, YOU'RE HERE TOO?
THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT YOU TO SEE
NICE!
AND THE ENVIRONMENT IS STILL SELF-SUSTAINING AFTER 24 HOURS
AND SHE HAD MANAGED TO CHANGE THE ENVIRONMENT TO THE SAME AS EARTH'S
EXPERIMENT?
YESTERDAY, WE HAD HER MAJESTY GO INTO A ROOM THAT HAD CONDITIONS IDENTICAL TO THE MOON,
BY THE WAY, NAZUNA!
FOR HER MAJESTY TO "TERRAFORM" THE MOON?
SO THE MAIN POINT OF "THE LAST FEATHER" PROJECT IS

EVEN THOUGH IT IS NECES-SARY,
YOU'RE STILL THE SAME, USING THAT KIND OF FACE TO DESIGN DANGEROUS ENGINES ...
THIS WAS THE NEW ENGINE DESIGN THAT HAD BEEN DROPPED BECAUSE OF SAFETY REASONS
If it is used, you can load 3 times more momentum than usual.
TO DRAG THE TWO OF YOU INTO OUR CLAN'S TROUBLES,
WITHOUT GIVING YOU ANY CHOICE
MY CHILD-HOOD DREAM
HAS ALWAYS BEEN GOING TO SPACE.
I APOLO-GIZE TO YOU, YET AGAIN

AND THE RESULT ?
I WISHED THAT I COULD WORK ON SOME-THING RELATED TO SPACE.
BUT ONCE I REALISED THAT I COULDN'T BE AN ASTRO-NAUT, OR HEAD OUT TO SPACE BY ANY OTHER METHODS.
IT'S THE SAME FOR ME.
I SHOULD BE THE ONE THANKING YOU!
BECAUSE OF MR. AKABARA, MY DREAM CAME TRUE SPECTAC-ULARLY!
IT IS MY PRIDE AND JOY THAT YOU HAVE CHOSEN ME
BUT HAVING SOMEONE THAT ACTUALLY VIEWS US WITH SUCH REGARD, IS A DREAM COME TRUE.
AS ROCKET SCIEN-TISTS, WE WERE OVER LOOKED AND SEEN AS WEIRD,

THANK YOU.
WE PROMISE YOU.
WE WILL CREATE SCIENTIFIC TECHNIQUES THAT WILL EXCEED YOUR EXPECTATIONS.
AND FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR CLAN,
AND I WISH THAT THE TWO OF YOU,
WILL BE BLESSED BY THE MOON!

QUEEN'S ABILITY TO "TERRAFORM", IS IT REALLY THAT AMAZING?
.....
HEY, NAZUNA, THE
...
IT REALLY IS AMAZING, BUT
THERE IS A PROBLEM
IF YOU REALLY WANT TO "TERRAFORM" THE MOON,
THE QUEEN WILL NEED TO SACRIFICE HER LIFE,
...
RIGHT?
IT'S STILL OKAY IN THE LAB
BUT ON THE VAST MOON SURFACE, IT WILL REQUIRE TREMENDOUS MAGICAL POWER,
I HAD HEARD THAT IF THE QUEEN DOESN'T GIVE UP HER LIFE, IT WON'T BE POSSIBLE
YOU CAN'T ESCAPE FROM THE LAWS OF ENERGY.

IT'S ONLY NATURAL TO REQUIRE TREMENDOUS AMOUNTS OF ENERGY
FOR THE MOON, YOU MUST REVIVE THE ALREADY DEAD EARTH, AND MAINTAIN IT,
EVEN THOUGH IT SOUNDS CRUEL,
IT IS A NECESSARY METHOD TO OBTAIN A NEW HOMELAND THROUGH THE DEATH OF THE ONE,
WHO HAD DESTROYED IT IN THE FIRST PLACE
TO THE VAMPIRE CLAN OR THE QUEEN,
AND EVEN THOUGH IT IS THE BEST WAY, IT'S STILL SO CALLOUS
FOR THAT MAN, JUST WHAT IS THE BEST METHOD?

Confession of the 50th Black Swan Host Hirasaka Kayuki (Part 3)

THE GRAND-FATHER THAT WANTS TO SAVE THE HUMANS IS NOT EXACTLY HONEST
WHO KNOWS HOW MUCH SIN HE HAS ALREADY COMMIT-TED?
THERE'S ONE PORTION OF MY BRAIN THAT'S VERY CLEAR
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BUT I PRETEND NOT TO SEE ANY-THING
GOING THRO-UGH THE MEMO-RIES,
I CAN IMAGINE ALL OF THE SINS HE HAS COMMITTED
I JUST NEED TO DEFEAT THE VAMPIRE KING-

IF I TREAT HIM AS AN ENEMY AND DEFEAT HIM!
NOBODY WILL OBJECT,
BUT—
I AM A SUPER HEROINE!
A SUPER HEROINE MUST HAVE THIS KIND OF PURITY.
BUT EVEN SO, I STILL WANT TO BELIEVE THAT THE VAMPIRE KING IS THE VILLAIN.
I WANT TO HATE HIM.
THE TRUTH KEEPS ON CHANGING,
TILL I DON'T KNOW WHICH TO TRUST.

BUT
OTHER-WISE, I WON'T BE THE HEROINE
I WILL BECOME THE VILLAIN
YES
YOU ARE NOT WILLING TO FACE THE TRUTH,
AS YOU WANT TO BE THE HEROINE OF YOUR DREAMS
I AM THE SAME AS BEF-ORE,
ALWAYS HIDING WITHIN MYSELF

THE REASON THAT I BELIEVE MYSELF TO BE A "HEROINE"
IS THE EXIS-TENCE OF THE VAMPIRE KING.
BUT THE TRUTH,
IS HIDDEN WITHIN MY HEART.
THE ONLY THING THAT I CAN BE SURE OF IS,
PURE EVIL DOES NOT EXIST ANY-WHERE.
EVERY-ONE IS COR-RECT,
EVERY-ONE IS WOUN-DED
THAT I AM A FOOLISH LITTLE GIRL.

BUT I STILL FEEL SO GUILTY
AND EVEN THOUGH I HAD PREPARED MYSELF FOR THIS,
THE GM HAS NO FURTHER OPTIONS LEFT TO HIM
HE'S LOSING HIS PERSONNEL AND ASSETS
SORRY,
I HAD NOTHING TO DO.
VAMPIRE KING!
!

PEOPLE CAN'T ALWAYS TROUBLE HIM, BUT
HMMM
THERE'S NO WAY YOU COULD HAVE NOTHING TO DO!
MISS BRIDGET TOLD HER THAT "YOUR EDUCATION IS NOT ENOUGH" AND IS MERCILESSLY INSTRUCTING HER
HAVE YOU HEARD?
MISS LAETITA HAS BEEN RECEIVING SPECIAL TRAINING FROM MISS BRIDGET RECENTLY.
EVERYONE IS WORKING HARD SO AS TO,
LIGHTEN THE BURDEN YOU HAD BEEN BEARING
AND IT'S JUST NOT BRIDGET AND LAETITA...
AND EVEN THOUGH SHE GRUMBLES, SHE WORKS HARD
THAT'S GOOD

THEY ARE WORKING HARD
IT'S THE SAME FOR YOU.
YOUR POSITION HAS TURNED INTO A MINOR ONE
I WAS ORIGINALLY IN A MINOR POSITION ANYWAY
BUT NOW THAT I'M ABLE TO WORK UNDER THE IDEAL REALITY,
IT'S LIKE A DREAM COME TRUE!
MAYBE THIS VERY ISLAND IS THE ONLY PLACE THAT YOU DO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT
TRUE
I AM AN APPROPRIATE GOOD GUY AND AN APPROPRIATE VILLAIN
I WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO INVOLVE MYSELF IN THE SURROUNDING CHAOS
AND TO APPROPRIATELY LIVE ON HAPPILY
WELL THEN

I WILL BE MOST GRATEFUL IF,
YOU WOULD PROPERLY LOOK AFTER MY DAUGHTERS AND CLAN.
HUH,
YOU CAN COUNT ON ME.
STILL WORRYING ABOUT OTHERS AT THIS POINT IN TIME
YOU SHOULD BE WORRYING ABOUT YOURSELF!

Confession of the 50th Black Swan Host Hirasaka Kayuki (Part 4)

THE FOOLISH ME FACES A HUGE CHOICE.
AND NOW THAT EVERYTHING HAS BEEN REVEALED
I MUST KILL SOME-ONE.
WHO IS SO KIND AND TRAGIC!
I MUST KILL THE VAMPIRE KING!
BE EXCHANGED FOR SOMEONE AS IRREPLA-CEABLE AS HE?
HOW CAN THE LIFE OF THE LITTLE GIRL THAT I AM,
EVEN THOUGH I WILL DIE. .

IF I DON'T KILL HIM, HIS SUFFERING WILL NEVER END!
AND MISS STELLA WILL NEVER BE FREED FROM THE BLACK SWAN'S CHAINS!
EVEN IF I LIVE ON, I WILL ONLY MAKE FOOLISH DREAMS
THAT HAVE NO MEANING
BUT…
BUT…
DO…
DO I REALLY HAVE TO MAKE A DECISION?
I KNOW THAT I AM A FOOLISH LITTLE GIRL,
HOW CAN I FEEL THAT I KNOW WHAT THE CORRECT CHOICE TO MAKE IS?

JUST
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
...SORRY
MAYBE IT ISN'T APPRO-PRIATE FOR ME TO DISCUSS THIS WITH YOU
BUT——

I'M MOST LIKELY THE ONE WHO CAN UNDER-STAND YOU THE MOST!
BECAUSE I WAS ONCE A FOOLISH GIRL TOO.
AND ON THE DAY THAT I AWAKENED FROM MY LONG SLEEP
NO
I UNDER-STAND WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO SAY.
I WAS STRUCK DUMB, JUST LIKE YOU!
I WAS SUDDENLY CONFRONTED BY MY STUPIDITY AND MISTAKES,
EVEN NOW, NOBODY CAN FEEL YOUR MISGIVINGS AND FEARS.
ACCEPTING A PLAN THAT WILL RESULT IN YOUR DEATH...
BUT YOU ARE STRONG

KAYUKI,
THERE IS A VERY BIG DIFFER-ENCE BETWEEN THE TWO OF US.
WHAT SHOULD I DO TO BECOME AS STRONG?
IF I CANNOT BECOME RESOLUTE, I CAN ONLY GO MAD.
I LET STELLA DIE,
AND I'M A BLOOD DRENCHED QUEEN THAT HAD MURDERED THOUSANDS OF HER SUBJECTS.
I AM NOT STRONG
BUT I HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE
ONLY YOU CAN CONQUER YOUR OWN PAIN.
IF YOU WISH TO BECOME STRONG,

AND BECOME, FOR SOMEONE, A NECESSARY
IRREPLACEABLE EXISTENCE
AND IF YOU CAN CONQUER IT,
YOU ARE NO LONGER A FOOLISH LITTLE GIRL
I SHOULD ... KILL THE VAMPIRE KING?
DOES THAT MEAN THAT ...
SINCE THERE ARE STILL SUBJECTS, THE KING HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY TO LEAD THEM
HE SHOULD NOT GIVE UP BECAUSE OF PRIVATE REASONS
WHAT ABOUT YOUR PERSONAL VIEWS ...?
SPEAKING FROM THE QUEEN'S POINT OF VIEW,
STRAUSS SHOULD LIVE ON

I WISH THAT HE WOULD LIVE
AS LONG AS HE LIVES, MAYBE HE'LL BE ABLE TO FIND A BETTER SOLUTION
MAYBE A CHANCE FOR HIM TO BE FORTUN-ATE WILL COME
IT'S WRONG FOR STRAUSS TO JUST DIE,
AFTER ALL THAT HE HAS SUFFERED FOR THE PAST THOUSAND YEARS.
BUT.....
BUT MAYBE, THAT IS...
JUST EXTENDING STRAUSS' SUFFERING
AND, IF YOU CHOOSE DEATH JUST TO AVOID MAKING A DECISION
IT WILL ONLY END UP HURTING THAT MAN...

WHAT CAN I DO, TO LET THAT MAN
KAYUKI
WHY IS IT THAT ONLY I CAN MAKE THAT MAN SUFFER?
JUST BY TOUCHING HIM, I HURT HIM
!?
YOU LIKE STRAUSS RIGHT?
HAS MISS STELLA?
MY
:
:
MY BODY

IT'S NOT JUST ME, ALL OF THE BLACK SWAN HOSTS BEFORE ME,
ALL OF THEM
NO MATTER HOW DEEP SHE HIDES HERSELF,
DO YOU THINK THAT LOVE WON'T AFFECT YOU AT ALL?
EVERY SINGLE ONE
I HAD NEVER HATED THAT MAN

NO, NO
THAT IS ... JUST AN EXCUSE
THAT MAN IS STRONG ...
LONELY
FULL OF PAIN ...
AND EVEN IF HE IS A SINNER,
HE IS STILL NOBLE ... BEAUTIFUL .....

THAT'S WHY I CALL MYSELF FOOLISH
…
BECAUSE NOBODY KNOWS WHAT IS THE BEST DECISION
…
…
YOU MUST BE SUFFE-RING GREATLY
BUT, ONLY YOU CAN MAKE THE DECISION

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CHAPTER 41
WHERE THERE IS HATRED, THERE IS BLOODSHED

DAMN IT
EVEN IF MY EDUCATION IS NOT COMPLETE
UHHH
ALMOST THERE
WHAT'S THE USE OF LEARNING LITERATURE AND PHILOSOPHY NOW?
!?
OUCH

PRACTICALLY, EVERYTHING I KNOW HAS BEEN TAUGHT TO ME BY STRAUSS
FOR THE FUTURE, I STILL NEED TO LEARN ABOUT ASTROLOGY— OR ECONOMICS AND LAW, RIGHT?
はぁぁ…
I MUST CONTINUE MY STUDIES
BUT STILL
THOSE HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH EDUCATION!
SURVIVAL AND COMBAT SKILLS, HOW TO USE MY MAGIC AND BATTLE SKILLS
JUST WHAT HAS HE TAUGHT ME?
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ALL THE THINGS YOU LEARN IN A NORMAL HIGH SCHOOL, I HAVE ALREADY TAUGHT YOU!
READING AND WRITING IN A FOREIGN LANGUAGE

EVEN THOUGH YOU COULD NOT PUT THOSE TO USE BECAUSE OF OUR CONSTANT BATTLES
YOU'RE GOING TO MAR MY REPUTATION
WHAT THE ...!
STRAUSS!
BUT YOU DON'T NEED TO SAY IT SO BLUNTLY
TRUE...
YOU'RE STILL GROWING
YOU WILL NEED ANOTHER HUNDRED YEARS BEFORE YOUR BODY BECOMES AN ADULT
SO JUST TAKE YOUR TIME AND STUDY SLOWLY
DIDN'T BRIDGET TELL YOU THAT?

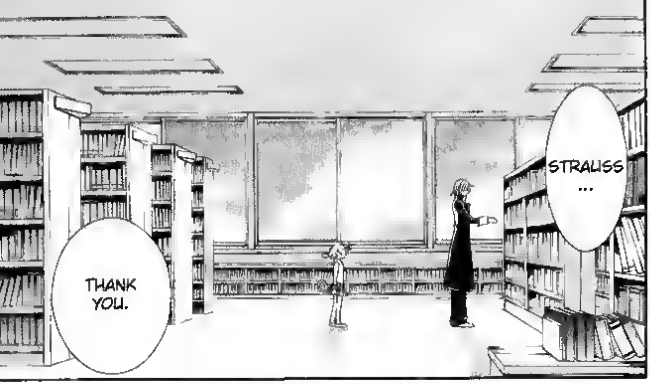
AND NOT TOO LONG FROM NOW...
YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SHOW JUST HOW GOOD YOU ARE!

BECAUSE YOU ARE MY DAUGHTER.
AH...

FROM NOW ON, YOU'LL NEED TO
MEET MORE PEOPLE AND LEARN MORE

.....
TOMORROW.. YOU'RE HEADING FOR THE MOON RIGHT?
THAT'S RIGHT.

CAN NO LONGER STAY BY THIS MAN'S SIDE.
VERY SOON I...


STRAUSS ...
THANK YOU.

I WILL NEVER FORGET ...
EVERY-THING YOU'VE TAUGHT ME...
AND THE TIME WE HAD SPENT TOGETHER.

EVEN THOUGH I AM STILL IMMATURE IN A LOT OF ASPECTS
IN THE FUTURE, NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE OR WHO YOU'RE WITH
YOU CAN PROUDLY SAY, "THAT'S MY DAUGH-TER!"

I WILL DEFINITELY MAKE IT!
JUST WAIT AND SEE!
YES.
I LOOK FORWARD TO THAT ...
LAETITA.

MAJOR MORISHIMA!
EVERYTHING IS READY!
I DON'T RECOMMEND THAT YOU GO BACK TO JAPAN NOW.
GM'S ORGANIZATION HAS PRACTICALLY BEEN DISBANDED!

AS SOMEONE WHO HAS BETRAYED GM FROM THE VERY BEGINN-ING
I NEED TO END THINGS BY MY OWN WAY.
FOR THAT REASON ALONE, YOU WILL BECOME SOMEONE TO VENT HIS ANGER ON.
THERE MIGHT EVEN BE THOSE WHO WILL WANT TO KILL THE TRAITOR.

I WILL NOT FORCE-FULLY STOP YOU, BUT
YOU MUST COME BACK!
OF COURSE
I HAVE SAID SO BEFORE
I OWE EVERY-THING TO GM.

WILL YOU GO OUT ON A DATE WITH ME?
WHEN YOU'RE FREE ...
OH YEA .
GIVE ME A DISCOUNT, WITHIN THE NEXT 10 YEARS !
I GUESS IN ANOTHER 500 YEARS OR SO!
... WHEN I AM FREE ?

IT SEEMS TOO MUCH ASKING FOR 10 YEARS

HMMM ...
SINCE YOU'RE SO EFFICIENT AT YOUR WORK, MAYBE I CAN GIVE YOU A REDUCTION

NO, NOT JUST LIKE NOW

IF I'M LUCKY, EVEN WITH ANOTHER 10 YEARS
YOU'LL BE AS BEAUTIFUL AS YOU ARE NOW!
THEN HOW ABOUT IN 30 YEARS OR SO?

YOU SHOULD CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY THAT I'LL BE EVEN MORE BEAUTIFUL

YOU MUST LOOK FORWARD TO MY RETURN!
I'M LEAVING.
WELL THEN

HE'S JUST ASKING FOR TROUBLE
YES

I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF HE WANTS TO COME BACK SAFELY

HE MAY ACT LIKE THAT BUT HE'S ACTUALLY SOMEONE WHO IS VERY HONORABLE

HOW ARE YOUR INJURIES?
.....

THE DATE IS FINALLY HERE

I'M ALMOST FULLY RECOVERED
AND WE WILL SET OFF TOMORROW

SOON, WE WILL NO LONGER HAVE TO LOOK AT THAT EYE-SORE ...
THE PLAN IS COMING ALONG SMOOTHLY.
AM I STILL THE DHAMPIRES' ENEMY?
YES.
AND THAT WILL NEVER CHANGE
THERE'S BEEN SOME UNREST AND DISSENT IN THE DHAMPIRE DISTRICT BUT THAT IS WITHIN OUR PREDICTIONS
AND AT THE SAME TIME, THERE'S STILL A GROUP OF PEOPLE ...
WHO OPPOSES ANYTHING THAT YOU PROPOSE.

WHETHER YOU SURVIVE TOMORROW
OR NOT
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BUT
IF YOU WERE TO DIE YOU WILL ONLY BE AN OBJECT TO HATE, WHEREAS
IF YOU SURVIVE, I CAN MAKE YOU WORK TO THE BONE FOR ME
YOU CAN TRAVEL FREELY BETWEEN THE MOON AND THE EARTH
AND ONCE THE ROCKET IS COMPLETED WE WILL START TRANSPORTING MATERIALS THERE
THERE WILL BE TONS OF THINGS THAT NEED TO BE DONE ON THE MOON
I WON'T LET YOU REST

AM I NOT THE COMMANDER OF THE PLAN?
THE KING WHO'S ALSO YOUR OWN FATHER?
YOU WANT TO ORDER ME ABOUT AS YOU WISH..?
IF YOU WANT TO GRUMBLE, BLAME THE FACT THAT YOU GAVE ME THE AUTHORITY!
...TOO TRUE
ARE YOU IMPLYING THAT I'M SOME SORT OF FAILED PRODUCT?
...WHAT DID YOU SAY!
TO HAVE RAISED YOU LIKE THIS, IT'S ENTIRELY MY FAULT!

THAT'S A BIT EXAGGERATED NO?
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO FIND ANOTHER DAUGHTER THAT'S AS FILIAL AS ME!
EVEN IF YOU FAST-FORWARD TIME TO 10 THOUSAND YEARS LATER ...
THERE'S NO NEED TO BE HUMBLE.
EVEN WITH ANOTHER 10 THOUSAND YEARS
A DAUGHTER LIKE YOU WOULD NEVER BE BORN!
BRIDGET

I'M SORRY
NOT ONLY IN THE PAST BUT EVEN IN THE FUTURE, YOU HAVE TO SHOULDER MY RESPONSIBILITIES
BUT I...
HAVE NOTHING MORE TO GIVE YOU.
DON'T BE AN OVERLY ZEALOUS FATHER.
BESIDES, I HAD WANTED TO SHOULDER THEM A LONG TIME AGO.
BUT
IF YOU STILL WISH TO GIVE ME SOMETHING
I DO HAVE ONE REQUEST
THAT IS .?

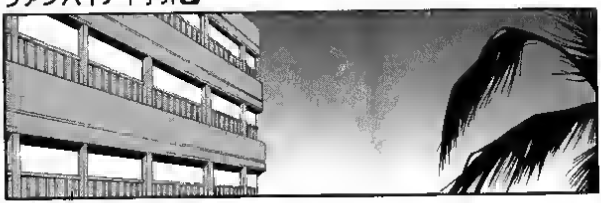
LET ME DRINK YOUR BLOOD.
WHY... DO YOU ...
WANT TO DRINK MY BLOOD ?

THE ORIGINAL VAMPIRES DRANK BLOOD AS A MEANS TO COLLECT DNA DATA RIGHT?
THEN, IF I WERE TO DRINK YOUR BLOOD WON'T I INHERIT YOUR DNA?
BUT, VAMPIRES.. ARE NOT ABLE TO ABSORB THE DNA RIGHT?
IT DOESN'T MATTER.
I'M JUST HOPING TO BE MORE THAN JUST YOUR DAUGHTER OF THE MIND... TO BECOME A TRUE DAUGHTER OF YOUR BLOOD AND SOUL.
I LONG FOR SOMETHING TO BE ABLE TO MAKE ME FEEL THIS WAY. THAT'S WHY I WANT YOUR BLOOD.

I UNDER-
STAND.
I WILL
LEAVE MY
BLOOD
...
TO YOU!

I ……
AM NOT ABLE TO COMPEN-SATE YOU IN ANY OTHER WAY.
TO LEAVE EVERY-THING ON YOUR FRAGILE SHOUL-DERS …
AND I SELF-ISHLY-
DON'T REGRET
DIDN'T I SAY THAT I'M WILLING TO DO IT?

FARE-
WELL,
MY
MOST
BE-
LOVED
STRA
ISS.
I CAN
FACE THE
WORLD BY
MYSELF.
FARE-
WELL
...



NOT THIS ONE EITHER ...
WHAT SHOULD I DO?

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SISTER !
YOU CAME JUST IN TIME!

WHAT'S WRONG, ADELHEID ?

SO SHOULD I WEAR ARMOR AND WEAPONRY TOO?
WHAT SHOULD I WEAR WHEN WE SET OFF TOMOR-ROW?
EVEN THOUGH IT'S A BATTLE, WITH YOUR TYPE OF MAGIC
WHETHER IT IS FOR ATTACK OR DEFENSE, YOU CAN DO IT NAKED
AFTER ALL, WE ARE HEADING OFF TO BATTLE-
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SISTER!
Just Kidding
BUT STILL...
IT'S NOT REALLY AP-PROPRIATE TO WEAR SOMETHING FANCY
SISTER
YOU AND STRAUSS-

I AM SORRY FOR ALL THE PAIN I HAVE CAUSED YOU
EVEN THOUGH IT'S A BIT LATE...
EVERY CHILD HAS TO PART WITH THEIR PARENTS SOME-DAY
AND THAT TIME HAS COME FOR US, THAT'S ALL.
NO... NO!
I'M THE ONE WHO'S ALWAYS CAUSING TROUBLE FOR SISTER...!
HEH
THAT'S WHAT ALL YOUNGER SISTERS DO!
YES!
SISTER...
FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART
THANK YOU FOR TAKING CARE OF ME...

THE VAMPIRE KING AND QUEEN
ARE SET-TING OFF TO-NIGHT
TIME IS SLIP-PING AWAY
WHY AM I SO FOOL-ISH!?
WHAT... SHOULD I DO?
JUST WHAT IS FOR THE BEST?

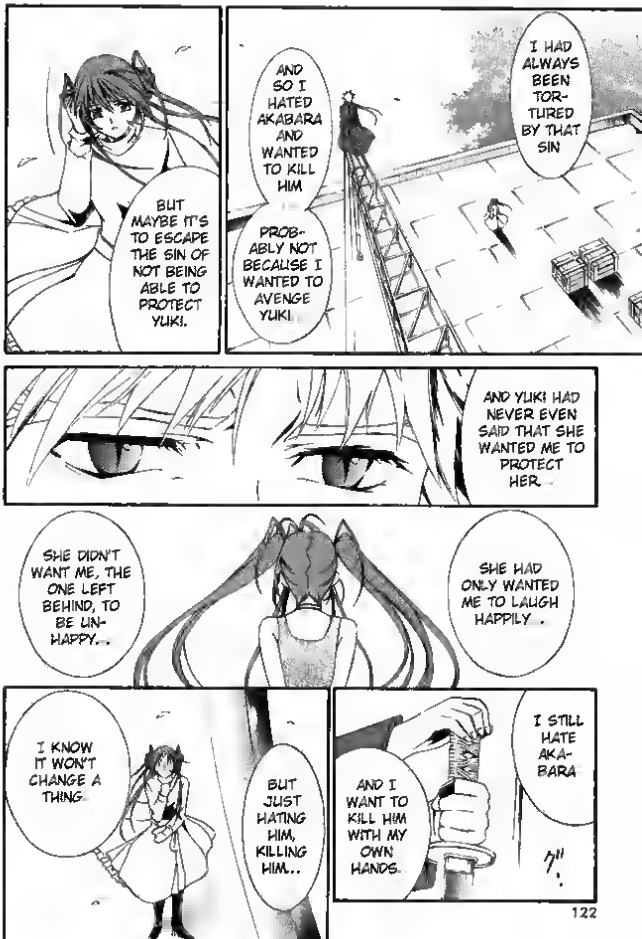
ARE YOU STILL UPSET?
YOU LOOK PATHETIC.
LIKE YOU'RE GONNA DIE ANY MOMENT NOW
...IF YOU'RE HERE TO MOCK ME, GO AHEAD!
I DESERVE IT
...IT'S NO USE BEING SO TROUBLED.
AKABARA DID NOT EVEN TELL BRIDGET.
HOW COULD A LITTLE GIRL LIKE YOU HAVE FORESEEN IT!

SINCE YOU CAN'T MAKE A DECISION YOURSELF ..
LEAVE EVERYTHING UP TO THE GODS TO MAKE THE DECISION
THINK ABOUT NOTHING ELSE AND GIVE IT YOUR ALL WHEN FIGHTING AKABARA
THIS WAY, YOU'LL BE WITHOUT ANY MISGIVINGS OR REGRETS?
LET EVERYTHING DEPEND ON THE BATTLE'S LUCK.
IF I WERE TO GIVE IT MY ALL, I WOULD BE SURE TO WIN.
... YOU KNOW NOTHING.
ISN'T HE A MONSTER THAT CAN SHATTER PLANETS?
I WILL HAVE TO BEAR ALL OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE RESULT
LUCK HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IT.

HE WILL WIN
AND HE HAD SAID THAT HE CAN DEFEAT THAT THING
EVEN IF HE HAS THE POWER TO SHATTER PLANETS BUT IS UNABLE TO MAKE SURE OF IT, IT'S MEANING-LESS
WHEN THE VAMPIRE KING IS ON EARTH, HE REINS IN HIS POWERS
AS LONG AS HE IS ON EARTH HE WILL RESTRICT HIS POWERS SO AS TO MINIMIZE COLLATERAL DAMAGE
THAT MAN... CARES TOO MUCH FOR OTHERS
DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE HIS SKILLS AND SPEED!
HE DOESN'T ONLY HAVE MAGIC
WON'T THAT MAN BE UNABLE TO BATTLE ?
WITH HIS POWERS RESTRICTED AND HIS MAGIC NULLIFIED
NOT ONLY THAT. THIS BLACK SWAN CAN NULLIFY THAT MAN'S MAGIC.

AND I HAVE INHERITED ALL OF HER ABILITIES
BESIDES, THE PREVIOUS HOST, KOMATSUBARA YUKI, HAD ALREADY OUTMATCHED HIM IN SKILLS AND SPEED
THERE IS SOME SORT OF BLEED-OVER AND I CAN EASILY DETECT THAT MAN'S ACTIONS AND LOCATION.
BECAUSE THE BLACK SWAN IS CREATED FROM MISS STELLA AND HER CHILD
BUT SHE STILL LOST.
YUKI WAS DEFINITELY STRONG
THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO WAY I CAN LOSE!
BECAUSE OF ALL THESE REASONS, NO MATTER HOW STRONG THE VAMPIRE KING IS
THERE'S ONLY ONE REASON WHY KOMATSUBARA YUKI HAD LOST -
THERE'S NOTHING ABSOLUTE IN A BATTLE.

IN OTHER WORDS, IF MY SWORD HAD NOT BEEN TAKEN BY HIM
YUKI WOULDN'T HAVE DIED?
BECAUSE THERE WAS A VERY STRONG "SPIRITUAL SWORD" PRESENT...
IF THAT WASN'T THERE, SHE WOULD HAVE WON
I... DID NOT MEAN IT THAT WAY !!
N... NO!
WASN'T ABLE TO PROTECT YUKI
I...

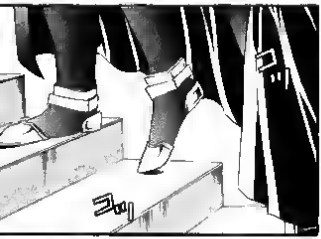

I HAD ALWAYS BEEN TORTURED BY THAT SIN
AND SO I HATED AKABARA AND WANTED TO KILL HIM
PROBABLY NOT BECAUSE I WANTED TO AVENGE YUKI
BUT MAYBE IT'S TO ESCAPE THE SIN OF NOT BEING ABLE TO PROTECT YUKI.
AND YUKI HAD NEVER EVEN SAID THAT SHE WANTED ME TO PROTECT HER.
SHE HAD ONLY WANTED ME TO LAUGH HAPPILY.
SHE DIDN'T WANT ME, THE ONE LEFT BEHIND, TO BE UNHAPPY...
I STILL HATE AKABARA
AND I WANT TO KILL HIM WITH MY OWN HANDS.
BUT JUST HATING HIM, KILLING HIM...
I KNOW IT WON'T CHANGE A THING.

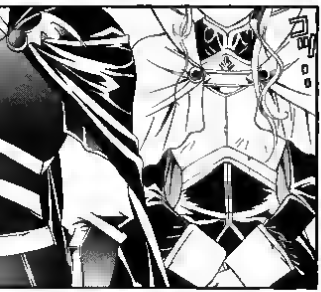
FOR THE PAST THOUSAND YEARS AKABARA AND HIS LOVE
HAD BEEN TRYING TO KILL EACH OTHER, INCREASING THE SORROWFUL MEMORIES
BUT HE NEVER LOST SIGHT OF HIS IMPORTANT MEMORIES
FOR THE PAST 50 YEARS
JUST WHAT HAD I BEEN DOING?
LEAVING HER NORMAL MEMORIES BANISHED TO THE BACK OF MY HEAD.
WHENEVER I REMEMBER THE GIRL I LOVED, ALL I CAN SEE IS HER BLOOD DRENCHED FIGURE.
HOW COULD I HAVE FORGOTTEN THEM?
THOSE ARE SUCH WONDERFUL MEMORIES.

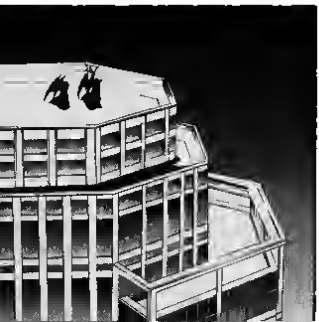
IF YOU WERE TO BATTLE AKABARA WITH MISGIVINGS
YOU WILL DEFINITELY LOSE
YES.
AND IF HE WERE TO KILL ME
IT WOULD JUST MAKE THAT MAN SUFFER.
YOU WOULD DEFINITELY WIN AGAINST AKABARA WITH NO CHANCES FOR LOSING, RIGHT?
IT'S PECULIAR
THEN
IF YOUR WIN IS NOT DEFINITE?
WILL THE SITUATION BE BETTER ?

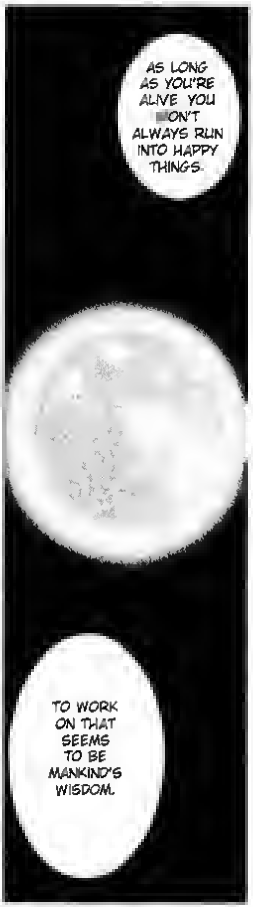
IF IT IS ON THE BATTLE-FIELD
YOU MIGHT EVEN LOSE, LIKE YUKI
THIS IS A POWERFUL SPIRITUAL SWORD THAT CAN PIERCE EVEN YOUR SPIRITUAL POWER.
TAKE IT!

AND SO, YOU CAN GIVE IT YOUR ALL AND MIGHT EVEN WIN!
THIS WAY, YOU MIGHT EVEN LOSE.
YOU WON'T BE KILLED IN THE SAME WAY AS YUKI RIGHT?
AS THE OPPONENT IS AKABARA
YOU'LL HAVE TO THINK UP LOTS OF TACTICS.
YOU MIGHT EVEN SEE A SCENE THAT'S IDENTICAL TO 50 YEARS AGO.
...BUT WOULDN'T I BE LIKE KOMATSUBARA YUKI...
KILLED BY YOUR OWN SWORD?
SO I MIGHT AS WELL CHOOSE SOMETHING THAT HAS HOPE!
NO MATTER WHAT THE OUTCOME IS I WON'T BE HAPPY.

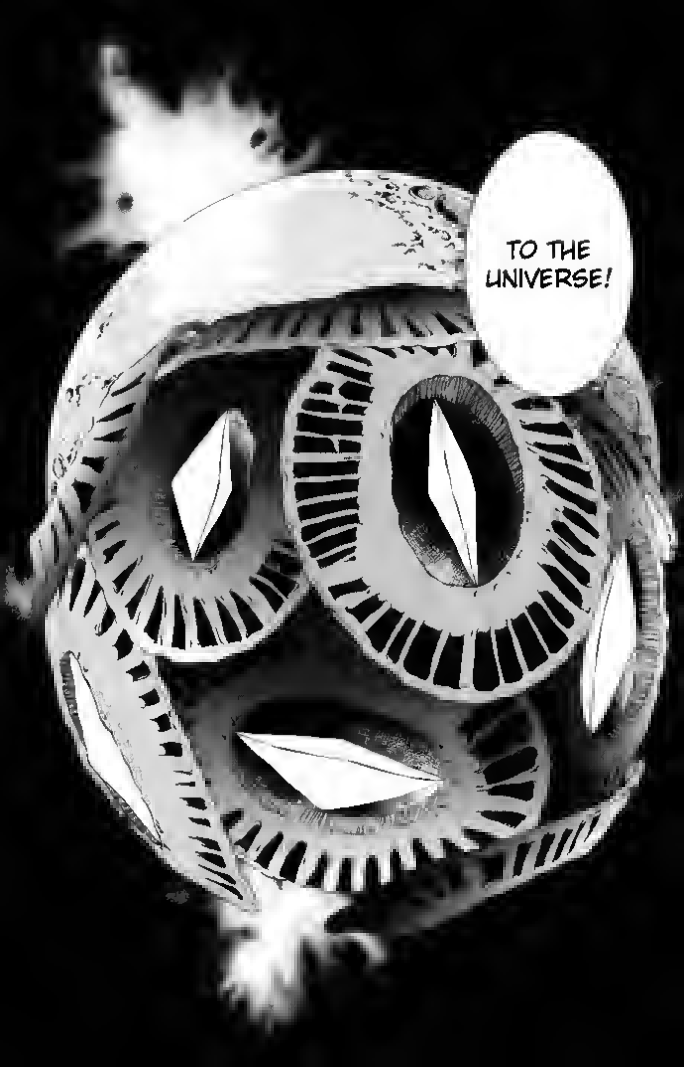







AS LONG AS YOU'RE ALIVE YOU ■ON'T ALWAYS RUN INTO HAPPY THINGS.
TO WORK ON THAT SEEMS TO BE MANKIND'S WISDOM.

THEN ...
LET US GO!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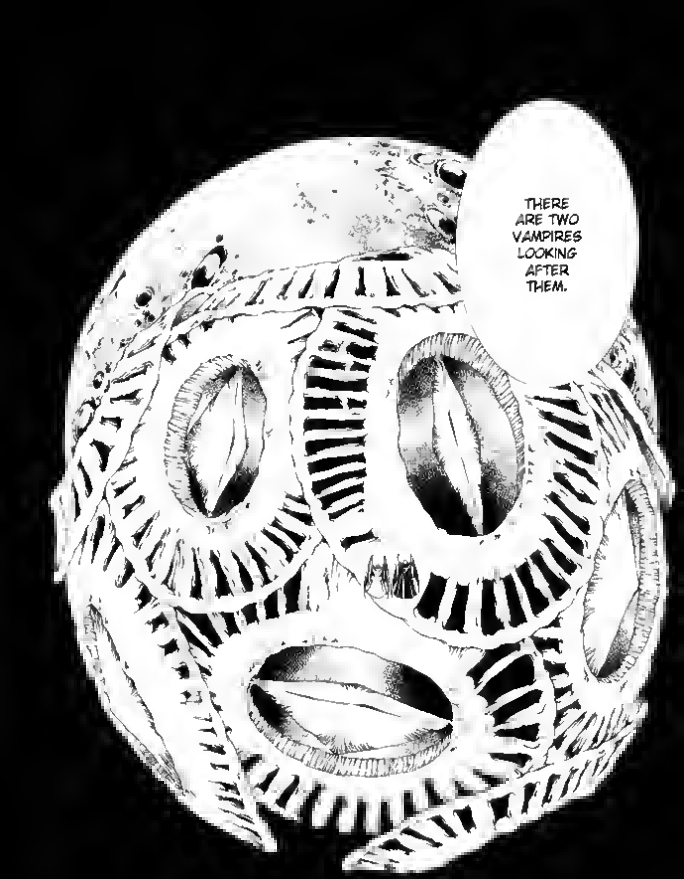
Chapter 42
The Peacock dances in the endless Night

CAN I PLEASE INTRUDE ON YOU FOR A WHILE?
HN.
DO WHAT-EVER YOU WISH!
THIS PLACE,
HAS BECOME VERY DESER-TED.
THAT'S RIGHT.
EVER SINCE THE MISSILES WERE SHOT DOWN

IT'S REALLY IMPOSSIBLE THAT I'M STILL ALIVE.
I WAS STILL WONDERING WHY I HAD LOST CONTACT WITH YOU,
FOLLOWED BY THE ISLAND GOING INCOMMU-NICADO.
ONLY THEN DID I REALISE THAT I HAD BEEN CHECKMATED.
N O, N O.
IT WOULD BE TROUBLE-SOME IF WE WERE TO KILL OFF OUR STALKING HORSE.
IN ORDER TO HIDE OUR OWN MOVES,
JUST WHAT WILL BE...
THE FATE OF EARTH AND MANKIND?
YOU DO NOT NEED TO WORRY 'BOUT THAT, SIR.



Chapter 42
The Peacock dances in the endless Night

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HOW SHOULD I SAY THIS?
THAT THING "BIKKU-MOURA"
DOES IT HAVE NO SENSE OF SUS-PICION,
OR DOES IT HAVE NO COMMON SENSE
……

BUT WE, THE ONES DOING THIS,
ARE ALSO BEHAVING IRRATIONALLY, WITH NO REGARDS TO COMMON SENSE
BUT,
ISN'T THAT MUCH BIGGER THAN US?
ADELHEID
HMMM, ISN'T IT ALSO TIME?
I WILL HANDLE ALL OF THE INTERFERENCES TO EARTH, THE MOON AND THE SOLAR SYSTEM
THAT ARE CAUSED BY THE BIKKUMOURA'S ATTACKS AND DISSOLUTION.
I WON'T LEAVE BEHIND ANY AFTER EFFECTS, DEBRIS OR SHOCKWAVES
YOU DO NOT NEED TO WORRY ABOUT ANYTHING
JUST RELEASE YOUR POWERS AND LET THE BIKKUMOURA BE

CONSUME!
I UNDER-STAND
THEN...

WE UNDER-STOOD NOTHING.
PROTE-CTED BY VAMPIRES ?
THE ENEMY IS ON THE FAR SIDE OF THE MOON!
WE CAN'T SHOOT MISSILES NOR CAN WE REACH SPACE!
JUST WHAT ARE WE SUPP-OSED TO DO ?

WE HAD NO IDEA JUST WHAT KIND OF CREATURES VAMPIRES ARE!
BORN IN THE NIGHT, RAISED IN THE NIGHT,
LIVING BEYOND THE REACH OF TIME WITH SUPERHUMAN POWERS.

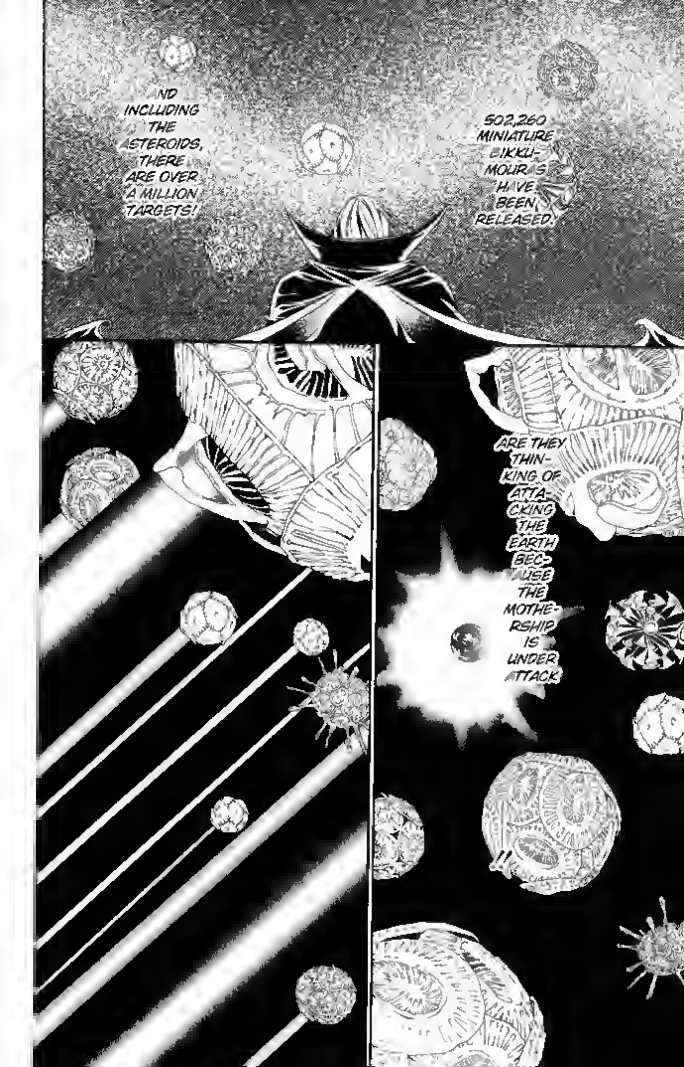
A LIFE FORM NOT BORN ON EARTH.
SOMEONE SAID THAT THE VAMPIRES ARE LIKE THE SEIJINTIO; ALIEN ORGANISMS.

!?
ADELHEID!

I AM THE FUSHOKUNO GEKKOU.
NO NEED TO WORRY.
YOU STILL WON'T BE ABLE TO STOP ME!
EVEN IF YOU CAN MANIPULATE THOUSANDS OF THINGS,

AT THIS RATE, THE INTERNAL PARTS SHOULD BE DESTABILISING SOON
THE RATE OF CORROSION IS FASTER THAN IMAGINED
! AS EXPECTED, THEY WON'T GIVE IN SO EASILY

THEY ARE RELEASING MINIATURE BIKKLIMOURAS
TRUE, WHEN COMPARED TO THE LARGER STATIONARY CANNON,
THESE ARE MORE EFFECTIVE!


ND INCLUDING THE ASTEROIDS, THERE ARE OVER A MILLION TARGETS!
502,260 MINIATURE EIKKU-MOURIS HAVE BEEN RELEASED.
ARE THEY THINKING OF ATTACKING THE EARTH BECAUSE THE MOTHERSHIP IS UNDER ATTACK
!!

WITH THEIR SUPERHUMAN POWERS, NEVER EVEN DREAMED OF CONQUERING THE WORLD
WHY HAD THE VAMPIRES,
INSTEAD, THEY SECRETLY, QUIETLY
PROT-ECTED THE GROUND AND THE SKY,
LOVING ALL LIFE, LIVING IN THE NIGHT.

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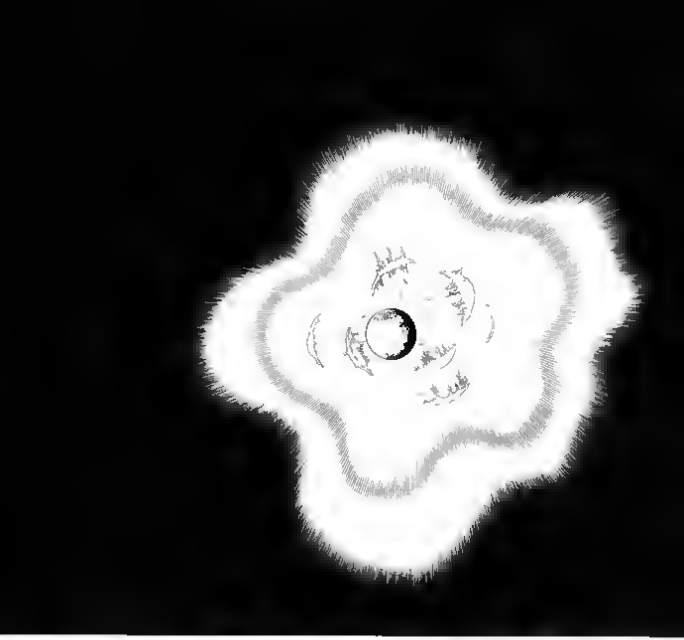
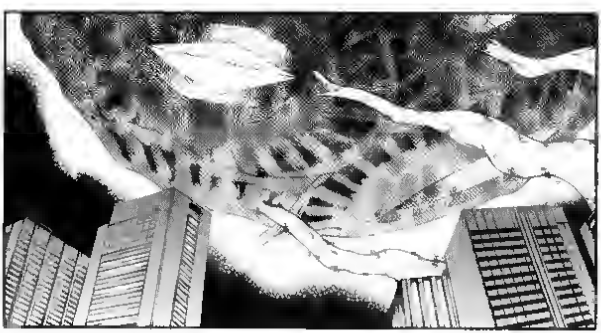
EVEN NOW, VAMPIRE KING AKABARA STRAUSS,
AND QUEEN ADELHEID JUST THE TWO OF THEM
ARE BATTLING WITH THE ABNORMAL AND MASSIVE ENEMIES

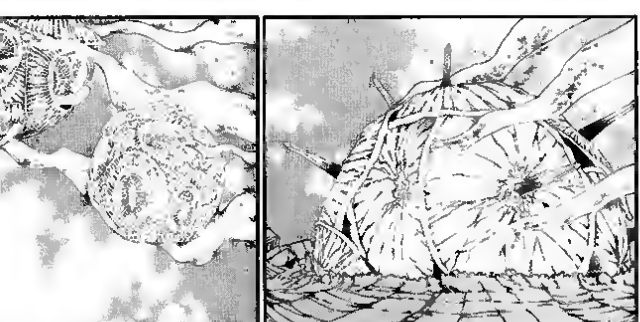
IN ORDER TO SAVE US HUMANS, WHO HAVE FEARED THEM AND TREATED THEM AS ENEMIES
...
IN ORDER TO PROTECT THEIR CLAN AND THIS WORLD.

THE SEIJINFUJO ARE SO UNLUCKY.
THEY COULD HAVE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO IMAGINE IT!
LOYAL AND PURE GUARDIANS
THIS PLANET ACTUALLY HAS SUCH,
IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO INVADE SUCH A PLANET.

ADELHEID,
THE BIKKU-MOURA IS UNABLE TO RETAIN ITS SHAPE ANY-MORE.
FIN-ISH IT OFF !!
YES!
TAKE THIS!
IT'S OVER!!







IT SEEMS TO BE OVER.
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MISS BRIDGET, ASSUMING THE IDENTITY OF THE SEIJINFIO,
WILL ANNOUNCE TO THE WHOLE WORLD,
THAT THEY ARE LEAVING EARTH ..
WITH THE BIKKUMOURA DESTROYED,
THERE WILL DEFINITELY BE SUSPICIONS THAT SUCH A THING IS TOO FAR FETCHED, BUT.
AT LEAST THINGS WILL BE OVER
SINCE THEY HAD FOUND A BETTER PLANET TO COLONIZE
PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE?
WHAT IS THE VAMPIRE RACE,
MORISHIMA,

BUT,
THEY HAVE NOTHING AGAINST HUMANS.
WHO KNOWS, THEY MIGHT EVEN HELP OUT.
THE PURE BLOODED VAMPIRES WILL MOST LIKELY BECOME EXTINCT.
NO MATTER WHAT,
I HAVE LOST ...
I HAVE NOT BEEN LOYAL
I WOULD NOT PROTEST IF YOU WERE TO KILL ME.
FOR THE GREATER GOOD, THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS LOYAL OR DISLOYAL!
YOU DID WHAT YOU HAD TO DO WONDERFULLY

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE EFFORT TO COME HERE.
AT LEAST I NOW KNOW JUST WHAT HAD HAPPENED.
AND MY CALLING NOW DRAWS TO A CLOSE.
TRUTHFULLY
IT HAS BEEN ENJOY-ABLE.
DAMN IT!

I HATE THIS FEELING……
I HAD ACTUALLY DEST-ROYED SOME-THING WITH SO MUCH MASS,
BUT YET I DO NOT FEEL TIRED AT ALL
ONLY MY CAPE WAS DAM-AGED.
……
IT'S SCARY.

THE POWER IN OUR BODIES,
IS SO ILLOG-ICAL!
AND THAT IS THE VERY REASON, WHY ONE NEEDS TO
HAVE COMPEL-LING REASONS IN ORDER TO MAKE USE OF IT.
THAT'S STELLA'S PENDANT.
SO IT WAS WITH YOU?
YES
DON'T YOU
HAVE A PROMISE TO FULFILL?

Stella
IS THAT
YES, THAT IS STELLA'S GRAVE. IT ALSO REPRESENTS THE CHILD STELLA AND I HAD.
THEY WERE ONCE SECRETLY BURIED.
BUT AFTERWARDS, I MOVED THEM TO THE MOON TO BE REBURIED.
THAT WAY, NOBODY WOULD BE ABLE TO HARM IT.
AND AS LONG AS I CAN SEE THE MOON, I CAN PRAY FOR THEM, NO MATTER WHERE I AM.
WITH THEIR SOULS BECOMING THE BLACK SWAN,
THERE WASN'T MUCH MEANING IN VISITING THE GRAVE

DIDN'T YOU PROMISE STELLA THAT YOU WOULD RETURN THE PENDANT TO HER GRAVE?
IT WAS ON THE MOON.
NO WONDER I COULDN'T FIND IT,
THAT'S RIGHT.
A PROMISE THAT WAS MADE OVER A THOUSAND YEARS AGO.
WITH THIS
I HAVE NO MORE REG-RETS

I WILL USE MY REMAINING LIFE TO TERRA-FORM THE MOON,
CREATING A NEW HAVEN FOR OUR CLAN!

AND NEXT

STRAUS,
...AND

PLEASE RETURN TO EARTH NOW.
I CAN HANDLE THIS BY MY-SELF.

LET US SAY OUR FAREWELLS HERE!

I WON'T LET YOU BE ALONE,
DYING IN SUCH A LONELY PLACE!
AND NOW, AFTER WAKING UP, I ASK YOU TO SACRIFICE YOUR LIFE.
I LET YOU SLEEP FOR OVER A THOUSAND YEARS,
WITNESSING MY DEATH,
WON'T IT ONLY INCREASE YOUR SENSE OF GUILT?
I WISH TO DO THIS
I WON'T BE ABLE TO DIE WITH YOU, BUT,
UNTIL YOU GASP YOUR LAST BREATH, I WILL BE BY YOUR SIDE.

WHAT I AM GOING TO DO NEXT,
WILL REQUIRE BETTING ALL OF MY MAGIC AND LIFE IN ORDER TO SUCCEED
I WON'T BE ABLE TO KEEP MY APPEARANCE OR MANNERS UNDER CONTROL
NO MATTER HOW OLD YOU GET,
YOU STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND A WOMAN'S MENTALITY.
ISN'T IT VERY DISGRACEFUL FOR A WOMAN TO BEEN SEEN LIKE THAT?
ESPECIALLY IN FRONT OF THE MAN SHE LIKES?
AND CONSERVATIVELY SPEAKING, WON'T I TURN VERY UGLY?
AD-EL-HE-ID……!
DON'T MIND ME——

LET US
SAY FARE-WELL HERE.
YOUR BATTLES HAVEN'T ENDED YET, RIGHT?
KAYUKI IS WAIT-ING FOR YOU ON EARTH
RIGHT BEFORE YOU BATTLE WITH THAT CHILD,
DO YOU WISH TO INCREASE YOUR UNNECESSARY BURDENS?
HUH?
...CAPE

I REALLY FAIL AT BEING A GOOD HUS-BAND.
YOUR FIN-AL OUTFIT SHOULDN'T BE FULL OF HOLES!
BUT THAT'S UNAVOID-ABLE.
MAYBE.
BEC-AUSE I
LIKE YOU JUST THAT WAY.

NOW THEN
LET US PROCEED WITH THE FINAL MISSION!
I WISH THAT ONE DAY
A LIVELY AND BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY WILL GROW WITH PROSPERITY ON THIS LAND

THE ONE THAT I LOVE THE MOST
AND THEN

I WISH HE WILL.....
RECEIVE THE BLESSING OF THE MOON.....

ADELHEID...

THAT'S RIGHT.
I STILL NEED TO BATTLE ……!

WITH ALL THE STRENGTH THAT
THIS FOOLISH BODY HAS !

VAM-PIRE KING,

I WILL BATTLE WITH YOU.

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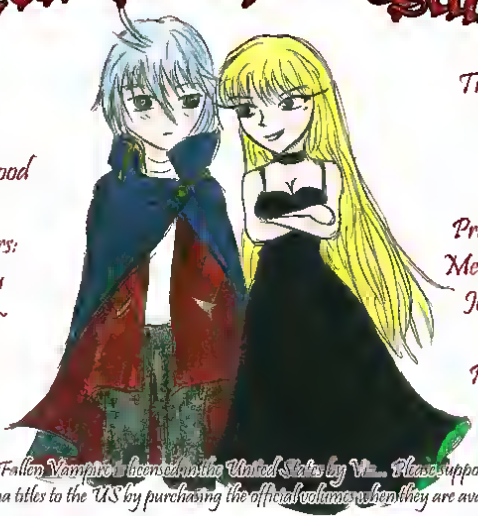

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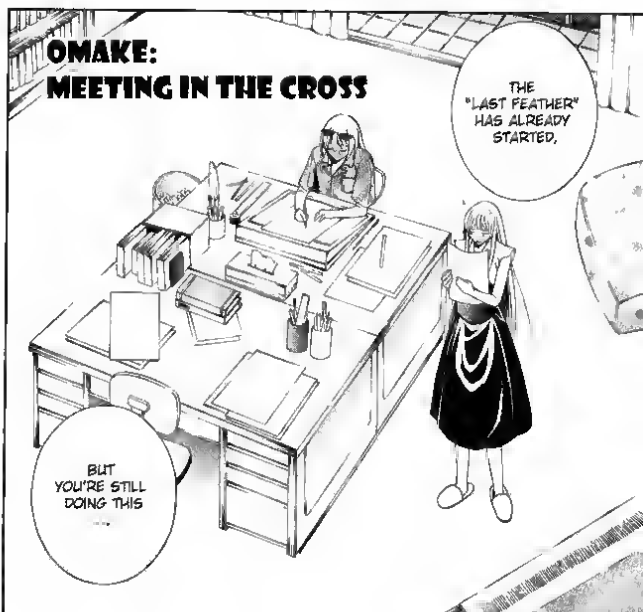
Akabara.
Rose-Red Strauss is a man of many talents.

Not just athletics, he's also well versed in martial arts, etiquettes and is very knowledgeable. It is as though the entire Library of Babylon had been installed in his brain.

This Vampire...
There's probably nothing he can't do.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO EXPRESS YOUR TALENT FOR DRAWING MANGA!
EVEN SO,


OMAKE:
MEETING IN THE CROSS
THE "LAST FEATHER" HAS ALREADY STARTED,
BUT YOU'RE STILL DOING THIS

DON'T BE SO HARSH.
I ACTUALLY HAVE A RUNNING SERIES IN THE ISLAND'S MAGAZINE
EVEN THOUGH IT'S ONLY A 4 PANEL MANGA, BUT IT'S QUITE WELL RECEIVED.
Excellent
Special Extraordinary! Searching for the giant octopus that lives on the island!
ANYWAY SINCE YOU ARE KING, YOU SHOULDN'T BE DOING SOMETHING SO TRIVIAL
THAT'S WHY, I'M NOW DRAWING A 36 PAGE SHORT STORY.
AND THE PROBLEM IS THE NOT THE NUMBER OF PAGES
I CAME OVER BECAUSE YOU SAID YOU HAD SOMETHING TO DISCUSS WITH ME
SO WHAT IS IT ABOUT ?

CAN YOU PLEASE USE YOUR AUTHORITY AND ORDER SOME FOR ME?
WHO...

AH, YES
EVEN THOUGH THIS ISLAND HAS BEEN ISOLATED FROM THE OUTSIDE, IT'S PRETTY WELL STOCKED BUT...

SCREEN-TONES ARE NOT AVAILABLE HERE...
SCREEN
S-61
SCREEN
S 5007
SCREEN

EVEN IF IT'S YOUR REQUEST, I WON'T ORDER IT!
WHO WOULD ORDER SOME-THING THAT NOBODY WILL USE!

THEN USE THE COMPUTER!
BUT I DO NEED IT!
I NEED AT LEAST S-60, 71 AND 5007!
YOU CAN'T DRAW MANGA WITH A COMPUTER!
I INSIST ON DRAWING IT MYSELF!
THEN USE YOUR MAGICAL POWERS!
IF I USE IT, THEN EVERYTHING BECOMES TOO EASY! IT'S VERY BORING!
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REALLY...
AFTER BEING SEPARATED FOR A THOUSAND YEARS,
YOU HAVE CHANGED.

NO,
I TAKE BACK WHAT I SAID.
WAS THE PREVIOUS ME BETTER?
IF YOU HAD REMAINED THE SAME AFTER A THOUSAND YEARS, THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN PATHETIC
I'M NOT LIKE ADELHEID WHO HAD BEEN SEALED AWAY IN THE SAME PLACE
YOU'RE STILL YOU
HAVEN'T YOU BEEN PRACTICALLY SEALED AWAY AS WELL?
.. THESE THOUSAND YEARS,

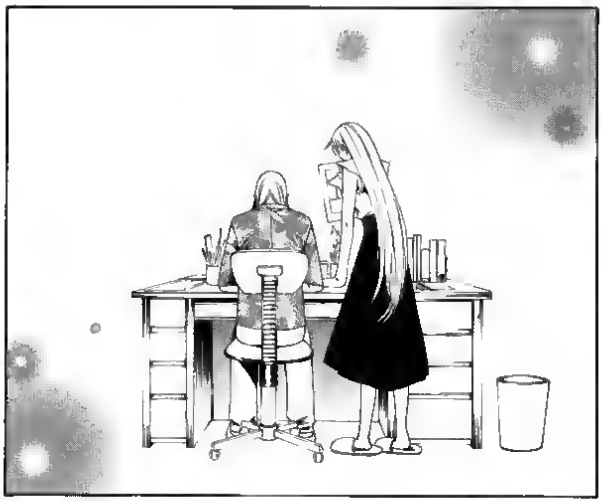
IF YOU HAD WISHED TO, YOU COULD HAVE FLOWN AWAY TO ANOTHER WORLD.
BE IT THE MOON OR MARS, OR EVEN ANOTHER SOLAR SYSTEM.
YOU WEREN'T ABLE TO ESCAPE THIS WORLD THAT'S FILLED WITH PAIN FOR YOU.
TO PROTECT EVERYONE, YOU HAD TO REMAIN IN THIS WORLD.
ADELHEID,
WAS SEALED AWAY BY SABER-HAGEN ...
BUT, YOU WERE SEALED BY THIS WORLD.
THIS WHOLE WORLD,
IS THE ULTIMATE SEAL THAT IMPRISONS YOU.
YOU'RE EXAGGE-RATING.
I HAD NEVER EVEN THOUGHT OF LEAVING THIS PLACE AND FLYING SOMEWHERE ELSE.

THIS IS A VERY WONDERFUL WORLD.
STRAUSS, THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH PERSPECTIVE IN THIS PANEL
AND THE DIALOGUE IS A BIT WEAK...
EH?

HMM...
THIS WAY, IT'S EASIER TO SHOW THE MAIN CHARACTER'S CONFUSED FEELINGS
IT'S A BETTER LINE FOR HER.
"KAZU-KUN HAS NO RIGHT TO CRITICIZE KOUYA'S TOFU!"
IT SHOULD GO . .
OH WELL.
JUST AS WELL, CAN YOU PLEASE HELP ME EDIT THE WHOLE STORY?
YOU DEFINITELY HAVE BETTER TASTE THAN ME.

Akabara's beloved daughter,
Bridget is also as multi-talented as him.

Just like Strauss,
She's suited to be in the Manga business.



Later, this short story that Strauss and Bridget worked on together, "Magical Tofu is the taste of Love" became a famous anonymous work, and turned into a legend, but —

That is another story.

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CHAPTER 43 (THE FINAL CHAPTER)
FARAWAY MOON, FARAWAY BLESSING

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Faraway Moon, Faraway Blessing

I SHOULD BE ASKING YOU THAT!
ARE YOU REALLY OKAY WITH THIS?
REN...
ARE YOU OKAY WITH THIS?

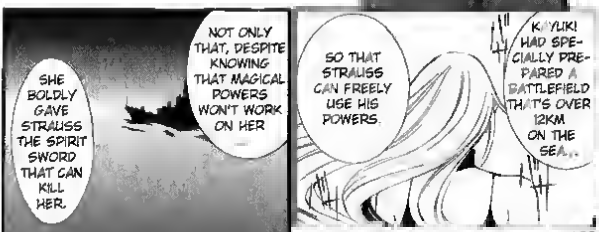
IT'S ... THE SAME FOR ME.
I DO NOT KNOW WHAT ELSE I CAN DO ...
SO I CANNOT PRO-TEST
IS HE BACK?
STRALISS ...

WELCOME ...
BACK ...
HOW DO YOU FEEL AFTER THE BATTLE ?
IT'S BEEN SUCH A LONG TIME SINCE I COULD FLY ABOUT FREELY, AND I ALSO GOT TO RELEASE THE POWER I HAD BEEN RE-PRESSING FOR SO LONG
I FEEL MUCH MORE COM-FORT-ABLE NOW
MY BODY HAS GONE THROUGH A THOROUGH WARM UP
IT'S IN ITS BEST CONDITION TO BATTLE YOU

YOU'RE SO FEARLESS
YOU KNOW THAT YOU HAVE ZERO CHANCE OF WINNING AGAINST THE BLACK SWAN
THEREFORE
I'LL GIVE YOU A CHANCE AT WINNING!
THIS IS REN'S SPIRIT SWORD
I BELIEVE ITS NAME IS "NARUTSUKI"

USE IT AS YOU PLEASE

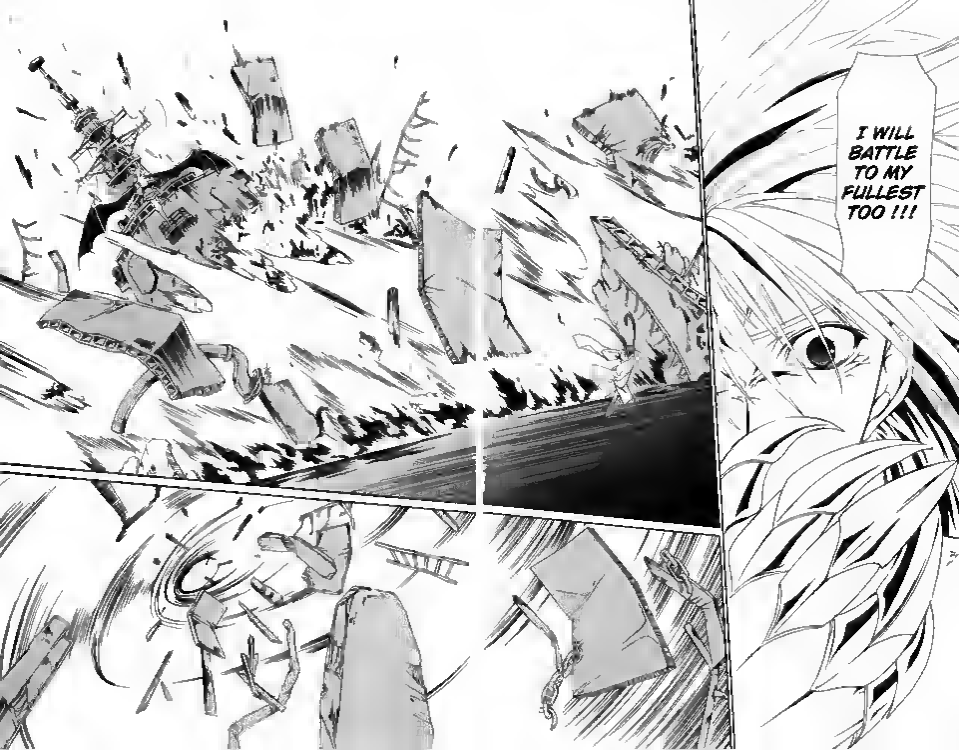
WHAT ARE THE ODDS THAT AKABARA WILL WIN?


KAYUKI HAD SPECIALLY PREPARED A BATTLEFIELD THAT'S OVER 12KM ON THE SEA...
SO THAT STRAUSS CAN FREELY USE HIS POWERS.
NOT ONLY THAT, DESPITE KNOWING THAT MAGICAL POWERS WON'T WORK ON HER
SHE BOLDLY GAVE STRAUSS THE SPIRIT SWORD THAT CAN KILL HER.

TO A POWERFUL PERSON, THEY CAN WIN EVEN IF THEY ONLY HAVE 0.01% CHANCE.
THINGS LIKE ODDS ARE MEANINGLESS.
THESE TWO POINTS ARE MORE THAN ENOUGH TO GIVE STRAUSS A 1% CHANCE OF WINNING
THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING YOU, WHAT ARE THE ODDS?
AND IT IS PRECISELY BECAUSE OF THAT ...
THAT MAN, ROSERED STRAUSS, EVEN UNTIL TODAY IS STILL SUFFERING

I JUST DON'T WANT TO SETTLE THIS BATTLE BY MY OWN WILL ONLY.
SYMPA-THIZING IS NOT FOR THE SAKE OF OTHERS
YOU ARE SO FOOL-ISH.
TO ACTUALLY SYMPA-THIZE WITH THE ENEMY
IF YOUR CHANCES ARE NOT ZERO
THEN THE OUTCOME IS ONLY KNOWN BY GOD
THEREFORE, I WON'T THINK OF ANYTHING ELSE-
I AM DEFINITELY A FOOLISH LITTLE GIRL

BUT BATTLING TO MY FULLEST !!
I WILL RECIPRO-CATE YOUR FEELINGS
KAYUKI!


I WILL BATTLE TO MY FULLEST TOO !!!

WAH !!

THE SPIRIT SWORD SEEMS TO BE TAKEN TOO ...
EVERY-THING ON THE DECK HAS BEEN SWEPT AWAY BY HIS MAGICAL POWERS ...

WHERE DOES HE PLAN TO ATTACK FROM?
JUST HOW IS HE GOING TO USE THAT, AMIDST ALL THESE TORNADOES AND WAVES
THE SPIRIT SWORD CANNOT BE CONTROLLED BY MAGICAL POWERS
WHAT'S HIS PLAN?
IT'S
THAT'S NOT THE SPIRIT SWORD!

ALL THESE ARE SPIRIT SWORD COPIES THAT ARE MADE WITH THE DECK'S DEBRIS!
IS THAT WHY HE SWEPT AWAY EVERY-THING?
IT'S VERY DIFFICULT TO DIFFERENTIATE THE REAL SWORD FROM THE FAKES... AND IT'S TOO DANGEROUS TO DEFEND WITH SPIRITUAL POWER
IF I WERE TO DEFEND WITHOUT FINDING THE REAL SWORD, I WOULD BE BADLY INJURED IF I AM NOT ABLE TO STOP IT.

ARE USING ALL OF YOUR POWER IN ORDER TO WIN!
VAMPIRE KING, YOU...
EVEN IF, THIS WILL ONLY PRO-LONG YOUR HELL...
BUT FOR EVERY ONE'S SAKE!
THERE-FORE, I...
I JUST CAN'T GIVE UP EITHER!

EVEN THOUGH IT WILL ONLY BE FOR A SHORT TIME BUT, I CAN ACHIEVE FLIGHT TOO, USING MY SPIRITUAL POWER.
WAIT FOR YOUR CHANCE.
DON'T PANIC...
AND ONCE I FIND THE VAMPIRE KING'S LOCATION
FOR NOW, I JUST HAVE TO AVOID THESE
I CAN WIN!
MISS STELLA...
FIND THE VAM-PIRE KING THAT'S IN THE AIR.
DON'T BE DISTRACTED BY THE MAGICAL POWERS PERMEAT-ING THE ATMO-SPHERE...

THIS IS TO REPAY YOU.
I DO NOT THINK THAT MY SITUATION IS AS PITIFUL ...
AS YOU MIGHT THINK IT IS.
BECAUSE I STILL EXIST THUS I AM ABLE TO SEE MANY THINGS
TRUE, THERE WERE MANY TRAGEDIES, BUT ...
I HAVE ALSO SEEN MANY BEAUTIFUL ...
AND HEART-WARMING THINGS TOO.
TO DISMISS THIS EXPERIENCES AS UNFORTUNATE ...
ISN'T IT A BIT WASTEFUL?

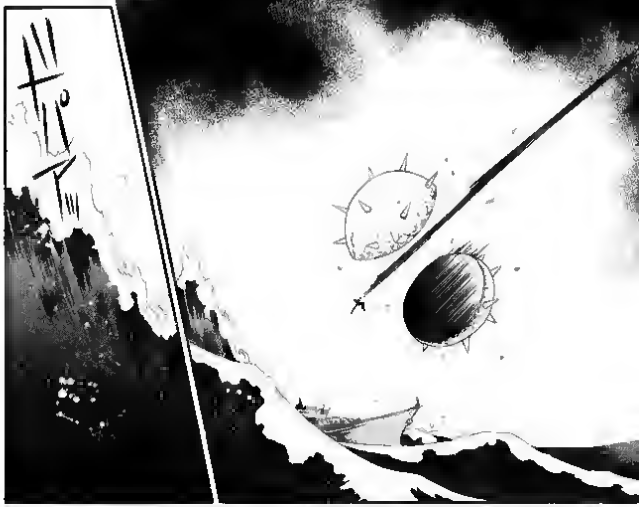
WHAT IS...
YOUR REQU-EST?
I WILL NOT SAY WHAT I WISH YOU TO DO.
BUT I HAVE A REQUEST FOR YOU.
THIS IS THE BEST WAY FOR THAT MAN.
IF YOU WERE TO DEFEAT STRAUSS, PLEASE SCOLD HIM.
!?
NOW THEN
MAY YOU BE BLESSED BY THE MOON!

ABOVE THE CLOUDS
RIGHT BELOW THE MOON!
FOUND YOU!

CAUGHT YOU ...
VAMPIRE KING!
!!
YOU'RE TOO NAIVE ...
KAYUKI!

AHH!
THIS IS... A GIANT METAL BALL MADE UP OF THE DECK'S DEBRIS?
I CAN'T DEFLECT SOMETHING THIS HEAVY!
DID HE PUT SEA WATER INSIDE TOO?

AND I HAVE TO AVOID THAT SITUATION!
HE CAN EVEN CREATE SOMETHING LIKE THIS!
IF WE DROP ANY FURTHER, I'LL BE CRUSHED BY IT
HA-HHH!


AIR

WHERE DID HE GO?
WHERE IS

AND I LOST TRACK OF THE VAMPIRE KING.
... DAMN ... I USED TOO MUCH STRENGTH AGAINST THAT METAL BALL

SHIT
...

I CAN STILL MAKE IT!
NO
THIS IS STILL WITHIN MY CALCUL-ATIONS!
IT'S NOT OVER YET!
I STILL HAVE IT IN MY LEFT HAND!
THE SWORD IS STILL HERE!

I MAY HAVE REACTED SLOWER, BUT MY SPEED STILL SURPASSES HIS!
FOR-GET IT!
I CAN STILL WIN!
I ONLY HAVE THIS ONE CHANCE!
I AM THE KING. I CANNOT LOSE!
KAYLIX!!
I WILL DEFEAT HIM AND SHOW EVERY-ONE!
I WILL DEFEAT HIM!

...I DID NOT DEFEAT HIM...
NO! NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO HESITATE, I NEED TO DEAL HIM THE FINAL BLOW!
WAS IT BECAUSE I AM STILL CONFLICTED?

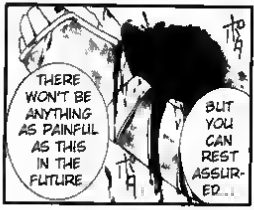
THE LAST BLOW !

...IT FINALLY ENDS...
YOUR BODY CAN NO LONGER REGENERATE, IT WILL ONLY BE DESTROYED.
...MY JUDGMENT HAD A SLIGHT ERROR.
I THOUGHT YOU WOULD HAVE... HESITATED SOME MORE BEFORE LANDING THE FINAL BLOW
HUH?

IT LANDED IN THE VERY SPOT WHERE I HAD RESTED MOMENTARILY.
SPIRIT SWORD
IF I HAD BEEN DISTRACTED BY MY SELF-CONFLICT, I WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DODGE IT.
HAD I HESITATED A FEW MORE SECONDS THAT WOULD HAD PIERCED THOUGH MY BODY.

WAS ABLE TO MAKE SUCH PRECISE CALCULATIONS AND PLANS!
EVEN THOUGH THIS IS SUCH AN EXHAUSTING BATTLE, THIS MAN
THE VAMPIRE KING HAD EVEN MANAGED TO PREDICT MY LANDING PLACE AND THREW THE SWORD UP.
IT IS SUCH A NARROW GAP... BETWEEN VICTORY AND DEFEAT
... NO, IT ISN'T LUCK.
OR WAS IT BAD ...
WAS MY LUCK GOOD?
A STRONG HEART THAT ALLOWS YOU TO MAKE THE CORRECT DECISIONS
YOU WERE ABLE TO WIN
BECAUSE OF YOUR LACK OF HESITATION AND SELF-CONFLICT

YOU'RE NOT A FOOLISH LITTLE GIRL...
YOU CAN BE PROUD OF YOURSELF.


THERE WON'T BE ANYTHING AS PAINFUL AS THIS IN THE FUTURE
BUT YOU CAN REST ASSURED...

TO MAKE YOU SHOULDER SUCH A HUGE RESPONSIBILITY...
I'M SORRY, KAYUKI...

GET HAPPINESS.
YOU WILL DEFINITELY.

EVERYTHING THAT FOLLOWS WILL SURELY BE GOOD THINGS.

THIS MAN EVEN THOUGH HE'S DYING, HE'S STILL TRYING TO MAKE ME FEEL BETTER..!

IF YOU WERE TO WIN ...
PLEASE SCOLD HIM
HE MUSTN'T DIE REGRETTING!
NO! THIS KIND OF MAN SHOULDN'T DIE LIKE THIS!
BUT WHAT CAN I DO ...
MISS STELLA ...
IS THIS WHY. .
I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN VERY FORTUNATE.
YOU'RE WRONG

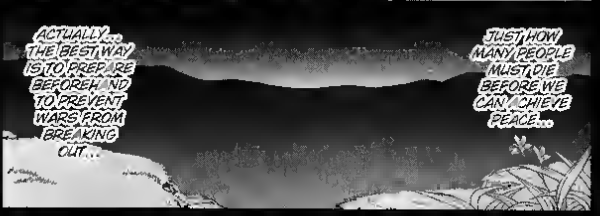
BEING ABLE TO SEE SOMETHING SO WONDERFUL UP CLOSE
HOW THAT CANNOT BE CONSIDERED FORTUNATE?
BECAUSE OF YOU, I HAD BEEN ABLE TO SEE REAL STRENGTH
REAL GENTILITY
REAL FEELINGS.
TO SOMEONE AS PLAIN AS ME...
I AM TOO LUCKY.
THERE'S NOTHING ELSE FOR YOU TO REGRET.
PLEASE REST PEACEFULLY FOR YOUR LONG SLEEP.

MAY YOUR SOUL ...
BE BLESSED BY THE MOON.
THIS ...
SUCH A NOSTALGIC FEELING ...
THIS IS ...

IF YOU'RE NOT CAREFUL, THERE MIGHT BE DEATHS
ESPECIALLY WHEN IT INVOLVES THOSE THAT WERE INJURED IN THE FIGHTING.

TRY TO APPROVE OF THE VILLAGERS' REQUESTS.
...THEN I'LL HAND THIS MATTER TO YOU.

AND THIS TIME, EVEN THE BLAMELESS VILLAGERS HAD SUFFERED DAMAGES AND INJURIES.
EVEN IF WE HAD WON, THERE ARE STILL TONS OF THINGS TO BE DONE IN THE AFTERMATH.


ACTUALLY... THE BEST WAY IS TO PREPARE BEFOREHAND TO PREVENT WARS FROM BREAKING OUT...
JUST HOW MANY PEOPLE MUST DIE BEFORE WE CAN ACHIEVE PEACE...

IS THIS THE LIMIT OF WHAT A GRAND GENERAL CAN DO ... ...
THEN ... I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO BECOME THE KING ...
HAHA
I DON'T THAT'S POSSIBLE ...
!?
I'LL BE BOLD HERE!
YOU! DON'T SUIT THAT POSITION!
HUH!
... AND WHY IS THAT SO?

SOMEONE WHO IS LAZING AROUND WHEN OTHER PEOPLE ARE WORKING HARD ...
WILL NEVER GET FAR IN LIFE!
EVEN IF YOU BECOME THE KING, YOU WON'T DO ANYTHING GOOD!
I'M JUST JOKING.
A JOKE?
.....
YOU'RE DEFINITELY NOT SUITED.
SORRY ...
BUT I DON'T USUALLY CONVERSE LIKE THAT.
WHEN SOMEONE WHO CAN'T EVEN UNDERSTAND A JOKE BECOMES A PROMINENT FIGURE ...
THERE'S NO WAY THEY CAN BECOME FORTUNATE.
MY MOTHER IS ALSO THIS WAY.

- ANYWAY, MISS ...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
LONELY ?
THAT'S SO LONELY.
BITTER ...
AND BITTER TOO.
ぽか
I JUST WANT TO PLAY A PRANK ...
ON THE NIGHT MONARCHY'S GRAND GENERAL.
OH THAT ...
IS FAMOUS IN THE VILLAGE FOR HIS AGGRES-SIVENESS --
THIS FELLOW ...

IF I PLACE HIM ON THE GRAND GENERAL'S BED!
THERE'S BOUND TO BE A GOOD SHOW...
WHAT HAVE I DONE TO THIS GIRL?
JUST ...
HUH?
DOESN'T KNOW I'M THE GRAND GENERAL!
NO... THIS GIRL...

WAIT!
NO!
...
YES - ?
MISS .... ARE YOU FROM THE VILLAGE?
THAT IS GOOD OF THEM.
THEY ARE SO CARING, THERE'S NOTHING TO NIT-PICK ABOUT!
THEN, WHY?
THE WAR MAY HAVE GIVEN YOU ALL A LOT OF PROBLEMS BUT...
WHY DO YOU HATE THE NIGHT MONARCHY SO MUCH?
THEY ARE TRYING THEIR BEST TO HELP RESTORE THE VILLAGE.

STRANGE ?
VERY STRANGE
TO GIVE SUCH CARE TO A TINY VILLAGE THAT'S NOT EVEN OF THEIR COUNTRY
ISN'T IT STRANGE?
SO, I'LL REPRESENT THE VILLAGERS, TO PRANK THE GENERAL ...
AND REMIND HIM THAT ...
!?
THAT MAN MUST HAVE AN ULTERIOR MOTIVE, OR ELSE THINKS HE IS A GOD.
SO OUTRAGEOUS !
AH!

UH!
OH DEAR
HE GOT AWAY!

I THINK THE GRAND GENERAL IS JUST TRYING HIS BEST TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERY-ONE IS HAPPY.
DON'T YOU THINK SO TOO?
MISS ...
SO WHAT ?
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO DO SOME-THING SO PERFECT.
I FEEL THAT THE GENERAL IS TOO BUSY THINKING ABOUT THINGS THAT CAN'T BE DONE
NEGLECTING THE PEOPLE THAT HAD AL-READY DONE WHAT HE HAD WANTED THEM TO DO.
RECE-NTLY,
HAS ANYONE SCOLDED HIM?
... I DON'T THINK SO.
SEE?
THAT'S WHY HE'S SO OUTRA-GEOUS.

...
YOU'RE STILL GOING TO PRANK THE GRAND GENERAL?
YUP.
BUT ... KEEP IT A SECRET.
I'LL KEEP MUM ABOUT YOU SHIRKING ON YOUR WORK TOO.
I THINK YOU BETTER NOT RISE TOO HIGH TOO?
YOU'RE TOO KIND OF A PERSON AND YOU'LL JUST FEEL MISERABLE.
NOW THEN ...
MAY YOU BE BLESSED BY THE MOON!

IT'S THE FIRST TIME SOMEONE HAD SAID THAT TO ME ...
?
ISN'T THAT WHAT THE NIGHT MONARCHY PEOPLE SAY?
YOU GOT IT CORRECT, BUT ...
I FEEL THAT ...
.....!
AH!
I DIDN'T EVEN ASK HER FOR HER NAME!

I BROUGHT ANOTHER AGGRESSIVE CHARACTER.
DO YOU KNOW WHERE THE GRAND GENERAL BUNKS
AH!
THE ONE FROM YEST-ERDAY!
I DIDN'T GET TO INTRODUCE MYSELF YESTERDAY.
I AM THE NIGHT MONARCHY'S GRAND GENERAL ...
AKABARA STRAUSS

DIDN'T I WARN YOU NOT TO BECOME A PROMINENT FIGURE?
BUT YOU'RE ALREADY ONE.
SORRY ABOUT THAT.
IT SEEMS THAT I'M TOO OUT-RAG-EOUS
THAT'S RIGHT.
LET ME LECTURE YOU ON THAT!
MISS WHAT IS YOUR NAME?
ME? I.M ..
DID I, STELLA ...

HAVE I DONE WELL ...
NOW,
LET'S LEAVE THINGS AS IT IS ...

NOOO
...
NO
...
NO
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NO
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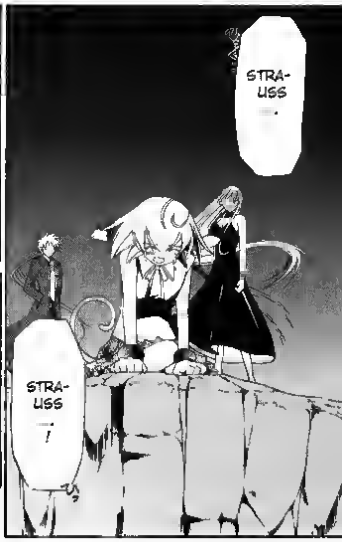
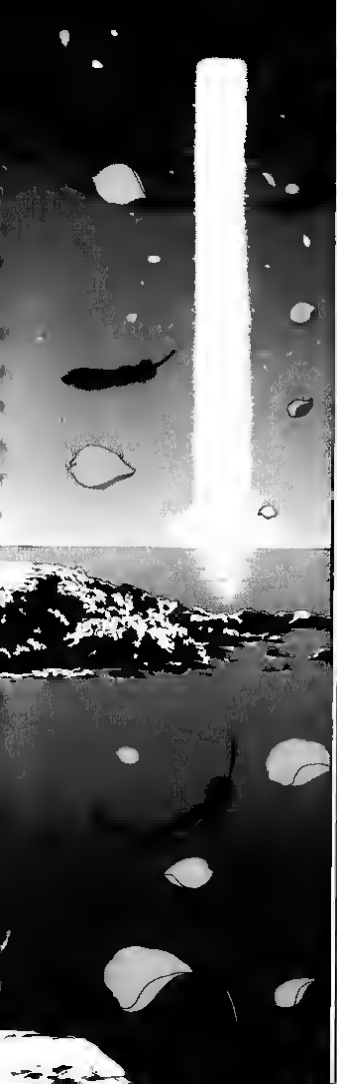
NO
...

DON'T BE SAD, LAETITIA.
THAT MAN IS FINALLY FREE...

HE HAS FINALLY BEEN FREED FROM HIS SIN.


STRA-USS.
STRA-USS...!

THAT FELLOW HAS FINALLY FORGIVEN HIMSELF.
THAT'S NOT REALLY RIGHT.
THAT FEL-LOW ...
STRAUSS



AKABARA STRAUSS ... THE LAST VAMPIRE KING ...
HAS DEFINITELY KILLED MANY PEOPLE.

HE IS A SINFUL KING WHO COULDN'T EVEN PROTECT HIS MOST PRECIOUS THING!

HE HAS EVEN DEFENDED THIS PLANET.
BUT, THAT MAN HAS ALSO SAVED A LOT OF PEOPLE, PROTECTED WHAT NEEDS TO BE PROTECTED.

MAY HIS SOUL
BE BLESSED EVEN MORE BY THE MOON!
ALL THOSE PEOPLE WHO KNOW OF THIS STORY, IF IT IS POSSIBLE, PLEASE PRAY FOR THE LAST KING!

WHAT IS THIS ENDING ...
IS IT THE END OF A THOUSAND YEAR BATTLE?
OR ...
THE END OF THE KING'S SUFF-ERING?

THE END OF AN ERA WHERE WINGS ARE SPREAD OUT IN THE NIGHT?

AFTERWARDS, THE SUN SETS AS USUAL. THE MOON EVEN AS IT WANES, WILL BECOME FULL AGAIN.
EVEN AS ONE THING ENDS, ANOTHER WILL START.

THUS,
AKABARA
DISAPPEARED
AND THE
BLACK SWAN
RETURNED TO
THE STARS.

FROM HIGH ABOVE, THE MOON SHINES DOWN ITS GLORIOUS BLESSING ...
TO THE TRAVELLING SPIRITS. TO THE DAWN OF A NEW ERA.

THE RECORD OF FALLEN VAMPIRE

ヴァンパイア十字界第九巻です

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